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President Frederik W. de Klerk outside his office in Cape Town on Wednesday. A newspaper beadline explained his smile.

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Israeli Emhassy in Buenos Aires and killed at

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# Islamic Jihad Claims Bombing

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month. The Associated Press Israel promptly threatened vengeance. "Those who carried out these murders and WASHINGTON - The Bush adminis-tration on Wednesday offered Israel \$300 those who sent them can expect painful punishment." Foreign Minister David Levy told the million to housing loan guarantees, but stood firm on hard terms for more help in Knesset, or parliament "The Israeli government will choose the absorbing more than 400,000 jumigrants. place and manner to avenge the blood of the fallen," he said. "We have a bloody score to The offer, described by a State Depart-

ment spokeswoman as "very fair and bal-anced," would stop Israel from beginning settle with knife-wielders and an open account new settlements on the West Bank, io with bombers near and far." Israeli officials said Wednesday night, how-Gaza and in East Jerusalem - a step the ever, that they could not verify that Islamic Likud government was unlikely to take. Jihad was responsible for the bombing. In Jerusalem, the head of Israel's central bank said Israel would seek loans without

"We couldn't verify this claim from our own sources," said an Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman, Baruch Binah. "But the very fact that they made this claim shows their willingness to carry out such operations, and the way they're gloating could testify to some link. Earlier, senior Israeli officials had accused Iran and Syria of being behind anti-Israeli terrorism, although they acknolwedged that

they had no evidence connecting those two JERUSALEM - Islamie Jihad, the terrorist countries to the Buenos Aires bomhings.

In the Argentine capital, rescue workers searched the rubble from the huge explosico, hoping to find people still missing and feared hunied in the wreckage. Authorities said that io addition to the 20 people killed by the bomh Tuesday, at least 240 had been wounded, some critically.

Islamic Jihad, in a statement passed to Western news agencies in Beirut, "proudly" anneuoced that an Argentine convert to Islam, identified as Ahu Yasser, was the suicide bomber who had destroyed the emhassy. The statement said the attack was "one of our continuous strikes against the criminal Israeli enemy." It said the bomhing was in retaliation for the killiog of Sheikh Ahbas Musawi, the leader of Hezbollah, the militant Party of God. Israeli helicopter gunships ambushed Sheikh Musawi's convoy in southern Lebanon on Feh. 16, killing him, his wife and 6-year-old son, as well as five bodyguards.

Islamic Jihad is widely thought to be a secret wing of Hezbollah, and had taken responsibility for taking Americans, Britons and other Westerners hostage in Lebanon. The last Amer-ican and British captives were freed last year.

# **Jubilant de Klerk Declares Apartheid a 'Closed Book'**

real birthday of the real New South Africa." It was his own 56th hirth-

of the African National Congress,

was also clearly relieved by the out-

come. He said that the big "yes"

vote meant that the peace process

was a source of great concern to blacks as well as whites," he said.

Mr. Mandela said he had called Mr. de Klerk on Wednesday morn-

ing to wish him a happy birthday

and good luck in the vote-counting.

million whites, or 68.6 percent of

those eligible, voted "yes" and that

\$75,619, or 31.2 percent, voted

As some blacks celebrated, others

expressed skepticism that any-

"no." The overall turnout was 85

percent, one of the highest in white

Analysis attributed the huge

tumout and margin of victory to a

well-orchestrated campaign hy

government, husiness, civic, press

and spons leaders, These leaders

had warned of dire consequences

should South Africa again be ex-

pelled from the family of nations.

There was also fear of more vio-

lence — perhaps eveo civil war — if the referendum was defeated. Mr. de Klerk's National Party hlanket-

ed the country with posters raising

The president called the referen-

Mr. de Klerk on Wednesday dis-

missed suggestions that he had tak-

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ing crime rates, taxes and jobless-

said, adding that white voters had

"divorced their grievances" from

the larger question of the nation's

polls had given him the "hasic as-

surance" of a victory, but added

that he knew that "sometime things

Mr. de Klerk said that opinion

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South Africa's electoral history.

thing would change. Page 5.

The final results showed that 1.9

"The possibility of a 'no' vote

was "definitely on course."

Nelson Mandela, the president

By David B. Ottaway and Paul Taylor

Washington Post Service CAPE TOWN - President Frederik W. de Klerk has received an unexpectedly large vote of confidence in his leadership and negotiations for a nonracial constitution. winning nearly 70 percent of the vote in a historic whites-only refer-

"Today we have closed the books on apartheid," Mr. de Klerk said Wednesday after the results of the previous day's voting were anounced. "That chapter is finally closed."

The margin of victory, far greater than even the president's strategists had predicted, means that Mr. de Klerk will be able to proceed with an agreement with black groups to set up an interim, multiracial government in coming months. The wide victory margin proba

bly also means that the threat of violence from white far-rightists, who hitterly oppose his plan to share power with blacks, has been reduced to manageable proportions for the government.

Both white and black leaders had predicted upprecedented political turmoil, renewed sanctions and international isolation if the opposition Conservative Party succeeded in defeating the referendum. The way has now apparently opened for a far smoother transition from white minority rule to a black-dominated government.

the specter of white terrorism, fas-Mr. de Klerk had vowed to recism and oco-Nazism if the Consign if he lost the referendum. He servative Party and its allies won. was clearly delighted with the results, which exceeded the hightest dum late last month after his party expectations of local analysts and had lost the latest in a series of even of his own strategists, who special elections to the Conservahad predicted at most a 60 percent tíves. 'Ves" volc.

"Today will be written up in our history as one of the most fundamental turning points," Mr. de Klerk said. addressing a small crowd of well-wishers and supporters oo the lawn of the presidential office to Cape Town.

"I doesn't often happen that in one generation a oation gets an opportunity to tise above itself." he said. "The white electorate has risen above itself in this referendum."

There was "an element of justice," Mr. de Klerk added, that "those who started this long chap-

#### South Africa: What's Next?

President Frederik W. de Klerk's victory in the referendum gives his reforms tremendous momentum, but daunting political problems remain. Here is a look at what is to come in the months ahead:

Negotiations: Mr. de Klerk's Nationel Party end the African National Congress are among 19 groups that have been negotiating terms of a new constitution elnce December. There could be agreement soon on genaral principles, but the final document is likely to take many months.

Interim Government: If the constitutional talks go well there may be an Intarim government this year that will include blacks for tha first time. However, Mr. de Klerk has stressed that he will still be in control.

Multiracial Elections: Mr. de Klerk does not have to call an election until 1994 and considers that to be his deadline for having a new constitution.

Potential Problems: The National Party and the ANC are tikely to have difficulty on the Issues of minority rights. Mr. de Klerk wants strong protections for minorities, while the ANC objects to special privileges for whites.

Also, white groups of the far right and militant black organizatione are not participating in the constitutional talks and almost certainly will object to any agreements.



for bank loans was oot yet dead. "We hope they will take a good, hard look," said the spokeswoman, Margaret D. Tutwiler.

Tough as the administration's proposal

appeared to be, it also signaled Israel and Congress that the idea of U.S. guarantees

U.S. guarantees. Page 2.

Islamic Jihad is the same group that struck See TERROR, Page 5

to close the book on apartheid." Mr. de Klerk described the outcome as "a landslide win" and "the

Can go WTONS. The Conservative Party man-See REFORM, Page 5

African National Congress supporters in Johannesburg in a march Wednesday celebrating the outcome of the referendum.

# **UN Gives Baghdad March 26 Deadline**

**By Paul Lewis** New York Times Service

UNITED NATIONS, New York - The United Nations has given Iraq until March 26 to come up with a detailed plan for destroying a long list of equipment and huildings used for huilding and re-pairing its banned hallistic missiles. according to United Nations offi-cials and Western diplomats.

[U.S. officials say the Bush administration has drawn up plans for a limited bomhing of Iraqi weapons plants, which could be carried out if President Saddam Hussein kept blocking the UN de-struction of his arsenals. The Associated Press reported Wednesday from Washington.

[The plans also call for seizure of frag's bank assets in the United States and in other allied countries. expansion of the ban on fraqi helicopter flights in northern Iraq. and an increase of UN inspections to include monitoring of human rights violations, the officials said.] The March 26 deadline, which

carries at least an implicit threat of the use of force, was given last week to the Iranian deputy prime minis-ter, Tariq Aziz, by Rolf Ekeus. The leaders, who met for two days to discuss regional issues,

This constitutes a critical first test of the vague agreement Mr. Aziz made to cooperate with the Security Council's Gulf War ceasefire terms.

Although Iraq rejected an earlier destruction order, arguing that the material could be converted to peaceful uses, officials say Mr. Aziz appeared to accept the new deadline. But these officials emphasize that any destruction program must be a complete one and acceptable

to the special commission. A 35-member team of UN ballisuc-missile experts is in Baghdad waiting to receive the fraqi plan next week. If fraq produces an acceptable schedule of arms destruction, the team will stay on to oversee the work, officials say.

Otherwise, it plans to leave, which raises the possibility that America and its allies might opt for a military strike to destroy the nuclear-related sites. President Hosni Muharak of

Egypt and President Hafez Assad of Syria, in a press conference Wednesday, said that they opposed further use of force against Iraq. The leaders, who met for two

head of the special commission set up to oversee the elimination of who backed the allied coalition Iraqi weapons of mass destruction. against Iraq during the Gulf War.

**Brown and Tsongas Await** Newest in Series of Scandals

By R. W. Apple Jr. New York Times Service

CHICAGO - The double-barreled Midwestern showdown put Bill Clinton in the fast lane toward the Democratic presidential nomination Tuesday and left Paul E. Tsongas and Edmund G. (Jerry) Brown Jr. to squahhle over which one could better pick up the pieces if Mr. Clinton should crash.

Unless he spins out of the race, it will be hard to deny Mr. Clinton the rest of the delegates be needs, because the proportional system awards large blocks of votes to both winners and runners-up. It will

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be all but impossible to overtake him if he can keep putting together hroad hiracial coalidons like the ones that swept him to victory last week and this, to the Suo Belt and Rust Belt alike.

New York's Democraoc primary on April 7 now takes on fresh meaning. After Mr. Clinton's triumphs by thumping margins in Michigan and in Ulinois, it may offer the last chance for his challengers to stop him.

Mr. Clinton won Illinois with 5f percent of the vote. Mr. Tsongas was second there, with 26 percent, and Mr. Brown was third, with 15 percent. In Michigan, Mr. Clinton had 49 percent, Mr. Brown was second, with 27 percent, and Mr. Tsongas was third, with 18 percent. "It's almost n done deal," said John Marino, the New York Democratic chairman, who often expresses the viewpoint of Gover-

nor Mario M. Cuomo.

The nagging questions about his personal life, most recently his financial affairs and those of his wife, prohably represent a larger threat to the Arkansas governor's progress than rival candidates do. They are trying to convince people he is not electable, and in the

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Bill Clinton greeting supporters in Chicago after his victories.

## **Buchanan Camp to Lower** The Heat on the President

By E. J. Dionne Jr. and Ann Devroy

Washington Post Service WASHINGTON — After President George Bush overwhelmed Patrick J. Buchanan in the Michigan and Illinois primaries he declared he was "virtually assured" the Republican presidential nomination.

Mr. Buchanan was not prepared to disagree. He lost hy margins so large that he conceded that only "celesoal intervention" could make him his party's nominee. And although he said he would stay in the race for the sake of

#### The Tsongas campaign is sputtering and about out of gas. Page 2.

principle. Mr. Buchanan decided to move toward a less confrontational approach to Mr. Bush.

At 2 press conference Wednesday, he said: "I don't think there will be any more ads that deal with Mr. Bush's record of the last three

Still, he appeared undaunted hy his losses in Tuesday's primaries, which extended Mr. Bush's string of primary victories to 16. In Illinois, the president won 76 percent of the votes cast, leaving

Mr. Buchanan with 22 percent. Mr. Buchanan did better in Michigan, winning 25 percent, compared with 67 percent for the president.

"We think our influence is strong and we're going to continue." Mr. Buchanan said. He added that he would focus efforts and resources on the June 2 primary in California and would also give Mr. Bush a run for his money in the May 5 primary in North Carolina

Mr. Buchanan's sister and campaign manager, Angela (Bay) Buchanan, said that although the campaign would go on. "the Buchanan camp will not do anything that we feel will be harming the

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### Kiosk

### Najibullah Offers to Step Down

KABUL - President Najibullah offered Wednesday to hand over

KABUL — President Najibullah offered Wednesday to hand over power to an interim government under a United Nations plan to end the civil war in Afghanistan. No immediate reaction was available from guerrilla parties fighting the government. The president made the offer in a broadcast on state radio and television after talks with a UN envoy. "I agree that once an understanding is reached through the United Nations process for the establishment of an interim government in Kabul all concernent establishment of an interim government in Kabul, all powers and executive authority will be transferred to the ioterim government as of the first day of a transition period." he said.

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# Against a Real 'Jaws,' Japanese Take the Team Approach

### By T. R. Reid Washington Post Service

OHSHIMA, Japan - Kazuto Harada's last words came crackling over the radio set from the ocean

came cracking over the rough set from the ocean floor with a ring of sheer terror that still resonates in this frightened fishing village. "Somebody help me!" Mr. Harada shouted through the microphone in his diving belmet. "Shark! Shark!"

In the bitle fishing boat floating 30 feet (9 meters) above his head, Mr. Harada's crew began frantically pulling to his lifeline. But all that reached the surface was Mr. Harada's orange and gray diving suit, with an enormous jagged hole in the right side where the body had been yanked out.

In the 10 days since then, the shell diver's personal tragedy has turned into an economic calamity here on the little island of Ohshima, and in similar fishing communities that dot the marhie-green waters of Japan's Inland Sea.

Shell divers have refused to return to work until

the man-eating shark is killed. And so the people of Ohshima have embarked on a carefully coordinated strategy to slay the beast and save their livelihood. Kita, 65. "To catch this shark, we need to get everybody working together and make sure every-body fulfills his part of the common plan." It could be called it a real-life version of the 1970's thriller "Jaws." Indeed, the Japanese press has done exactly that. Like so much of American pop culture, after all, Peter Benchley's novel and the movie made

from it were major hits here. But the Inland Sea version of this thriller has a decidedly Japanese twist.

In Ohshima, the center of the shark hunt, there is no Robert Shaw-like character waging solitary battle from a lone boat, Rather, the fishermen are dealing with the shark crisis the same way the Japanese take

oo every important problem — as a group. "I saw Jaws," said Kasuo Kita, a cheery, gray-haired shell diver who is coordinating the efforts of Ohshima's fishing cooperative. "Really scary pic-ture, you know?"

"But it's a ridiculous way to hunt a shark, you know, with one guy in a boat like that," said Mr.

Fitting into a common plan is a transcendent virtue in this extremely homogeneous nation, where all schoolchildren are taught the crucial lesson that "the nail that sticks up gets hammered down." Whether or not the Ohshima hunters succeed in

catching the shark, it should provide a neat lesson in the Japanese social system that sociologists have labeled "groupism." The whole business of shell diving as practiced in

Japan involves cooperation and teamwork. Like hundreds of other small Inland Sea islands.

Ohshima has a narrow fringe of flat land around the shore, backed by steep hills. The hills are covered with clumps of granite and thick groves of pale green bamboo swaying to the ocean breeze. With little arable land and no room to raise

animals, Ohshima depends on the sea for food and industry. To its good fortuoe, the island is surrounded by some of Japan's richest shellfish beds, where

tasty abalone, trepang and sea urchin lie on the ocean floor, ripe for the picking. The picking is done by teams. One person, the shell diver, puts on suit and helmet and descends to the bottom, while two or three crew members keep watch in the boat.

"I've been shell diving, for, you know, 50 years right here," said Mr. Kita, the shark-hunt coordinator. "It's lonely, except you know your crew is up above. And it can be scary '

For any shell diver, the scariest word in the language is sameh, or shark. That is why the fishing community here reacted with a shiver on Feb. 24 when one diver. Koji Harada, 30, encountered a huge shark - probably a great white, authorities say on the bottom.

Keeping his wits, Mr. Harada rolled himself into a bail and settled inert on the ocean floor, turning his

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# **Israel Recrafts Law to Allow Direct Election of Leader in '96**

has had enough votes to govern on its on.

been conspicuously lacking for too long.

repercussions

hostage to fringe parties and to political extortion.

tan interests that now dominate, would be in a stron-

ger position to negotiate with the Arabs and impose

budgetary discipline, which many bere believe has

Considering the possible consequences for develop-

ments such as the present Middle East peace process,

the change enacted on Wednesday is not just an

internal matter but one with international

Reichman, a law professor at Tel Aviv University and

#### By Clyde Haberman New York Times Service

JERUSALEM - Parliament on Wednesday approved what some Israeli experts view as a historic change in the country's electoral system by adopting a law providing for direct election of the prime minister. The change would take effect in elections that are to

be held in 1996, unless they are pushed forward, and so it will not be in place for national elections schedided for June 23.

Supporters were delighted nonetheless because, in the final hours of the outgoing parliament, they man-aged to push through revisions that had seemed doomed under the weight of opposition from Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and most of his Likud party. Uriel Lynn, a Likud member of parliament who had sponsored the new law, called the revision "historic" "It gives the power back to the people, and lets them decide who the chief executive will be," said Uriel and said, "We will now have a mix between presidential and parliamentary systems."

In Israel, citizens currently vote for their preferred political parties, and the prime minister generally has a leading advocate of electoral overhaul.

Bank Chief

Says Israel

Must Curb

Spending

JERUSALEM - The head of

Israel's central bank, Jacoh Fren-

kel, said Wednesday that Israel

would still seek billions of dollars in foreign loans without U.S. guar-antees. But he conceded that gov-

ernment spending must be totally

• Washington's rejection of an Is-raeli request for \$10 billion in loan

guarantees will make it difficult to

raise the money Israel needs to fi-

nance a massive influx of Russian

immigrants. "The function of the guarantees was to go there and say, "This is the American calling card," Mr. Fren-

kel said. "Today we will have to go

to that same world market, but

enabled Israel to obtain the loans

at less expensive rates on the world

President George Bush refuses to underwrite the loans unless Israel

haits construction of Jewish settle-

ments in the occupied territories. "We have to lonk at all the ele-

ments of the hudget and reassess priorities," Mr. Frenkel said.

He mentioned welfare payments as one area that could be affected.

be viewed as a vote of no confi-

dence on international markets,

which would make it difficult to

Mr. Frenkel said Israel must

press ahead with moves to privatize

government industries and liberal-

ize foreign exchange and capital

markets in order to inspire world

"The reforms are not a luxury,"

Economists estimate that Israel

needs to raise \$20 billion over the

next five years to finance a million

. The government had planned to

immigrants by the mid-1990s.

confidence in the economy.

he said, "they are essential."

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Israel had feared that failure to obtain the U.S. guarantees would

with our own calling card." The U.S. guarantees would have

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been the leader of the party with the most votes. However, no party in the country's 44-year history President Hafer. Assad of Sy

President Hafez Assad of Syria said Wednesday that Damascus would continue peace talks with Israel The result has been a helter-skelter system of coalibut that he did not believe the Jewish state's leaders tion politics that critics say leaves national leaders were serious about the process, Reuters reported from Cairo. Those favoring change argue that a directly elected prime minister, once liberated from the narrow sectar-

"Syria will stick with the peace process," Mr. Assad said at a news conference with President Hosni Mu-barak of Egypt after two days of talks with Egyptian leaders

But Mr. Assad said be was not convinced that Israel wanted peace

"The obstacle to peace is Israel's rulers," he asserted

Mr. Mubarak, leader of the only Arab state to have signed a peace treaty with Israel, said: "We must continue with the peace talks until it becomes very clear that Israel really does not want peace."

Syria, Lebanon and a Palestinian-Jordanian delegation started talks with Israel after a Middle East conference in Madrid last October.

Damascus has been angered by Israel's refusal to withdraw from occupied Arab territory, and Syrian delegates said privately at the last round of talks in Washington that they felt the process was futile.

The head of the delegation said publicly that Syria wanted to suspend negotiations until after the June election in Israel.

Arah diplomats said before Mr. Assad and Mr. Mubarak met that the Egyptian president would urge Syria not to give up the peace process and to agree to hold at least one more round of talks before the elections in Israel.

Asked whether the two sides had agreed when the next round should be held. Mr. Assad said, "We have not yet reached a decision on this."

The Syrian president also said that he opposed any further military action against Baghdad.

Mr. Assad said that the aim of the Gulf War had been to force Iragi troops to end their occupation of Kuwait, and that this had been achieved.

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Miyazawa Plunges in 2 Opinion Polls

TOKYO (AP) — Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa's 4-month adminis-tration, plagued with political scandals and a sagging economy, got more bad news Wednesday: a 15-point drop in its support ratings in two SULTVEVS.

Japan Broadcasting Corp. said its poll showed support for Mr. Japan production of the point of the point of the point of the points of from a December survey. Disapproval of the administration rose to 61 percent, an increase of 25 points, it said.

A poll by the economic journal Nihon Keizai Shimbun showed Mr. , Miyazawa's support rating had fallen more than 15 points since Decem-ber, to just over 22 percent. Disapproval of the administration rose to nearly 54 percent, from about 37 percent.

## Piece Not From Earhart Plane, 2 Say

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Two former Lockheed employees who worked on Amelia Earhart's plane have said that a piece of a fuselage found on a remote South Pacific atoll could not have come from the Lockheed Electra that she was flying when she disappeared in 1937.

Richard Gillespie, executive director of the International Group for Historic Aircraft Recovery, asserted Monday that a search team had solved the mystery of the disappearance of Miss Earhart and her navigator on a flight around the world. He said a search team had found the fuselage fragment, parts of a woman's shoe in Miss Earhart's size and other artifacts on the island of Nikumaroro, halfway between New Guinea and Hawaii.

But Ed Werner, 82, a former assistant foreman at Lockheed, said he had compared the dimensions and shape of the piece of aluminum with a duplicate of Miss Earhart's plane at the Western Aerospace Museum in Oakland, California. "It didn't fit anywhere on the plane," he said. "Not on the belly where repairs had been made. Not anywhere." And Harvey Christen, 81, who was in charge of quality control for Lockheed when Miss Earhart's plane was repaired, said repairs on the fragment did not match engineering drawings.

### Defying Mafia, Cossiga Tours Sicily

PALERMO, Sicily (Reuters) - In a calculated act of defiance to the Mafia, President Francesco Cossiga on Wednesday toured the Sicilian beartland of Italian organized crime.

"The state can be ruthless too," he told local police officials after Mafia nmen murdered Salvo Lima, a member of the European Parliament, on Šaturdav.

Speaking at the start of a three-day tour, he warned that Italy's bloodstained image was jeopardizing the planned entry into economic union with its European neighbors. "This is a stain, a leprosy with which ... we cannot enter Europe," he said.

### Thais Say Air Raids Kill 5 Burmese

MAE HONG SON, Thailand (Reuters) — Thai planes bombed Bur-mese positions on the Thai side of the border and killed at least five Burmese soldiers, Thai officers said Wednesday. The Thais struck hours after the interior minister, General Issarapong

Noonpackdi, issued a "last warning" to the Burmese to withdraw. Bangkok asserts that hundreds of Burmese soldiers have crossed the border and established a mortar base 40 kilometers (25 miles) west of Mae Hong Son in order to attack Karen ethnic rebels from the rear.

A Thai officer said that the Burmese soldiers had been killed in the airstrikes Tuesday afternoon at Doi Seang. Ground forces also opened fire on the Burmese, he said, and three Thai soldiers were wounded. Another army source said Burmese forces were shelling the Karen headquarters at Manerplaw. A Karen source said in a telephone interview that 2,000 rebels had arrived from the south to reinforce Manerplaw's defenders. This would put the number of Burmese and rebel troops confronting each other at 6,000 apiece, Thai officers said.

### For the Record

The death toll from the earthquake in Turkey on Friday rose to 479 on Wednesday, according to the government of Erzincan Province, It said the total was not likely to exceed 550. (Reuters)

### **TRAVEL UPDATE**

### Strike Disrupts Transport in Lisbon

LISBON (AP) - A one-day transit strike disrupted traffic in Lisbon on Wednesday, causing tie-ups on highways into the capital and in the city's center.

The state bus company Carris operated a skeleton service as bus and streetcar workers struck for 24 hours. Strikers also halted Lisbon's bway system during the morning rush bour. Workers from some private

transport companies joined the stoppage. Transport workers unious are calling for improved working conditions and wage increases, and have threatened to intensify their actions unless

demands are met.

network, company officials said. The airline will offer one flight a week to

Baku, with the Azerbaijani airline, Azal, also expected to begin once-a-

week service between the two cities. Iran Air will inaugurate Tchran-

Nairobi service on April 5, and will resume flights to Athens, which were

A transit strike in Pittsburgh was in its third day Wednesday, and a

mediator was trying to hring strikers and management together. (UPI)

South African Airways will resume flights to Luanda, Angola, ou April 6 after a 17-year break, the state-run daily Journal de Angola reported

suspended about two years ago, before the end of April.

Iran Air flew its first flight from Tchran to Baku, Azerbaijan, and announced that Nairobi and Athens would be added to the airline's

# For Muscovites, Shortage of Pride Hurts the Most

#### By Steven Erlanger New York Tunes Service

MOSCOW — The red star still flickers faintly here, but Gold Star seems omnipresent, too, pushing its video recorders and other marvels made in South Korea, once an ideological enemy of the first order.

The red slogans are gone; the commercial billboards are sprouting. Gold Star has one in a prime location on the

At the airport itself, the baggage carousels advertise the Casino Royale, which fancies itself a place of high sophistication and pre-Soviet decadence.

The National Hotel on Red Square, where the patriarch, Lenin, first laid his august bead when he came to rule in Moscow, now is shrouded by huge netting reading "Rogner. Austria," the company renovating the botel to

centralized decision-making, not least the numbering system on the buge ratty apartment buildings that makes it next to impossible for strangers to find their way.

But psychologically there seems to be a considerable change. The feet of clay that caused the Soviet giant to collapse were hidden from much of the population, or unnoticed by them, and they are still a source of emharrassment and bumiliation.

From superpower empire to hungry recipient of aid from former enemies is a long way to fall in a short time, especially without the impetus of war or revolution, and it burts even those who never much cared for the Communist government, even those who suffered from it.

It is this well of pain and vacuum of belief in a country used to despotism that can feel so dangerous, despite the lack of widespread, unified opposition to the Russian an inescapable if shallow impact, national pride still seems as broken as the sidewalks of a city that seems to have stopped repairing anything, and where the only real refurbishment going on is financed with Western money. The Western husiness community grows, along with the

sinesses that service it. In a city where a few years ago the only Western food was imported privately by resident Westerners, there are now Finnish, German, Irish, Italian, and Swiss markets to

nourish hard-currency customers. For Russians, the shops are both opportunity and uniliation.

There is a special fascination with Western products and packaging: frivolity in design was never a hailmark of the workers' and peasants' state.

There is an understandable conviction that what is

#### When the shooting began, Mr. Barnes was grabbed by one of his abductors. He ran away after his kidnapper was shot. The police spokesman said Mr. Barnes had been abducted by the

Red Scorpion Group, which is supposedly composed of guerril-las who left the Communist New People's Army and resorted to kidnapping for ransom

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Ric Security The Associated Press

Michael Barnes, still chained from his neck to his hands, being led to safety by police officers in suburban Manila on Wednesday.

raise half that sum with U.S. backing and was so certain of getting the guarantees that it included \$2 bil-lion of U.S. guaranteed loans in the (992 budget to belp finance the budget deficit.

"There are basic changes in the assumptions that were behind the construction of the hudget," Mr. Frenkel said.

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It is always peculiar to return to a once-familiar place after five years, and it is especially strange to come to Moscow post-communism, where everything ought to seem fundamentally different and yet can seem so much the same: the policemen outside the embassies and for-eigners' complexes; the bossy hat-check ladies who hang coats on honks and yell if the little cloth loop is not readily visible or missing entirely; the illogic of much of the old

president, Boris N. Yeltsin, Democrats are talking at cross-purposes: Every time a political party walks into a room to meet, at least two political parties walk out. But power does not seem to he lying in the streets, Weimar Germany-style, to be picked up by despots with guns. Rather, what impresses is the power of inertia. The collapse of communism is a great relief to many people here: the collapse of the union, which was really the Russian empire, is less welcome. And while there seems no overt resentment against the Westerners who are having

Western must be better. "Even the sugar tastes better than our Russian sugar

when we can find it," a woman said, only partly in jest. But there is also a resentment. Asked bow she felt when she saw these hard-currency emporiums, another woman said: "I feel there is a sign saying, No blacks may enter." Of course it is irrational a little, but we were a great power, and now we are treated like nothing."

At the same time, many people are making a go of it selling hard-to-get goods and luxuries on the sidewalk.

# Newly Strengthened, Sudan's Army Pushes South

other Muslim areas of Africa.

By Jane Perlez New York Times Service

NAIROBI - Fortified by far larger numbers of soldiers than before and hy heavy weapons from Libya, Iran and China, the Sudanese Army is moving through southern Sudan in its strongest effort yet to win the decadelong civil war there, according to diplomats and aid workers.

The army took Pochala, an important center in eastern Sudan on the Ethiopian border, last week and

town held by the rebel Sudan Pco-ple's Liberation Army. because the pressed concern that Iran, which The civil war in Sudan is between

the northern Arab and Islamic fundamentalist government in Khartoum and the liberation army, an African group hased in the south whose members are mostly Christian or animist. The government has stepped up its military effort as it has hardened enforcement of Islamic law in the north.

paramilitary group organizing along the lines of the Iranian Revo-In the last several months, the United States has said the governlutionary Guard, a Western diploment has allowed international termat said in Khartoum on Tuesday. The diplomat said the paramilialso bombed Kapoeta, the major rorist groups to use Sudan as a

tary recruits had been rounded up in Khartoum several weeks ago and pressed concern that Iran, which recently forged military and ecosent to the front in the name of holy nomic pacts with the Sudanese govwar.

The government forces number about 50,000 and are moving out ernment, is using Sudan to export its Islamic fundamentalism into from the three main government-held centers of Malakai, Juba and Supplementing the regular Suda-Wau with tanks and artillery, dipnese Army in the current offensive is a contingent from the newly lomats said.

formed Popular Defense Forces, a But in its capture of Pochala, on the border with Ethiopia, the army apparently used mercenaries from the Anyuak tribe, who mostly live in Ethiopia, diplomats and aid workers said.

Wednesday. Direct flights were suspended in 1974 after an SAA aircraft was fired upon at Luanda airport during the transition period following Portugal's decision to leave its African colonies. The Weather Forecast for Friday th

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Thailand Goal: A 'Less Corrupt' Election

### But With Cash and Gifts on Offer for Votes, It Looks Like Politics as Usual

By Philip Shenon New York Times Service

BANGKOK - It is election time in Thailand, which means that many of the country's major political parties and politicians are out on the campaign trail not to win votes, but to buy them.

The leader of Chart Thai, one of the nation's largest political parties, insists that be does not huy votes.

But he was spotted several days ago leaving 500 baht, or about \$20, to pay for a 50 cent bowl of steaming noodles and bean curd at a noodle stand in southern Thailand, After leaving such a large tip, he may well have been

was supposed to be different. It will be the first election in Thailand since February 1991, when the Thai military staged a coup to remove what it described as a wildly corrupt civilian government. Much of the public shared that judgment

didates are buying votes and rigging polls as never before.

All that seems to have changed for many has become much more expensive.

The newest bout of dirty politics comes even as Thailand's 57 million people have had their aspirations for good government raised.

While the junta, which calls itself the Nation-

charge after the election, it can take credit for having appointed an interim prime minister, Anand Panyarachun, whose administration has been described as the most capable and honest in Thailand's recent history. Mr. Anand, a former ambassador to Wash-

ington, says that he is a "politician by accident" and that he will leave government after the election. His decision has added to the frenzy, as political parties scramble to have a say in who replaces him.

in Thailand, and seems certain to remain in

"We have no magic wand to stop political corruption," said Gothom Arya, a bumanrights campaigner who is a leader of Poll Watch, an organization that is planning to deploy 30,000 volunteers to monitor polling stations in hopes of what Mr. Gothom described as a "less corrupt election."

It will not be easy. Despite the global recession. Thailand's economy is growing by nearly 8 percent a year, and the economic boom may have worsened corruption by flooding the major political parties with cash.

There are reports of brazen vote buying all across Thailand, with candidates and their local representatives, known as kamnan, or canvassers, banding out everything from 500 baht notes to movie tickets to live ducks to lipsticks.

in which the per capita income, while rising quickly, is still only the equivalent of \$1,500 a

al Peacekeeping Council, holds absolute power chasima, one candidate is reported to have paid his seven years as governor of Bangkok.

buying has often worked.

Even small gifts are appreciated in a nation

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politicians say, is some sort of coalition government, possibly led by General Suchinda Kraprayoon, the commander in chief of the army

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scribed as a particularly clever scheme, canvassers are taking bets on the election outcome. In a typical scenario, a party canvasser goes into a village and takes a bet of 5 baht from a villager, agreeing to pay out 500 baht if the party's candidate wins. The villager is then left

tailors to mend the clothes of local voters, while

in central Chachoengsao Province, a political

party has offered voters free appointments with

Elsewhere, candidates are known to pay can-

In what Mr. Gothom of Poll Watch de-

vassers to sit in coffee shops or wander through village markets and loudly slander their politi-

with a strong financial incentive to support the party. There is nothing to guarantee that Thai vot-ers will vote for the candidate who gives them money or a handsome gift. But even Thai politicians who condemn the practice admit that vote

Political canvassers do indeed carry around suitcases stuffed with baht notes for payoffs.

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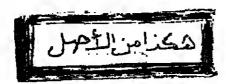
and an architect of the coup last year. Several candidates are trying to stop General Suchinda, most notably Chamlong Srimuang, a

retired army major general and devout Buddhist who earned the title "Mr. Clean" during

of the former regime. Nevertheless, Thailand's parliamentary can-

hopeful of the startled vendor's vote.

The general election scheduled for Sunday



# Tsongas's Car Is Rattling, and About Out of Gas

By David S. Broder

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He chose that night to deliver a handwritten soliloguy, recounting how he had

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never known his mother, who went into a tuberculosis sanitarium when he was 1 and died a few years later, never again having held him in her arms.

He said that when he learned in 1984 that he had lymphoma, a usually fatal form of cancer, he thought his own young daughters would never really know him. Once cured of the cancer, he emerged with a sense of "generational responsibility" that be said would dictate every stand he took in the presidential race.

It was a recital, obviously difficult for a shy person to give, that moved his twin sister, Thealia, to tears. But it left many m the audience unsettled, feeling they had gone to a rally and found themselves in a confessional.

In recent weeks, that theme, and shorter versions of the Manchester speech, have increasingly come to dominate Mr. Tsongas's public events. He has spent less and less time explaining his "Call to Economic Arms," the policy manifesto on which he campaigned for a year before New Hampshire, and more and more time challenging his listeners to find moral justifications for their lives, as he said he had done for his

The philosophical reveries are authentically Tsongas. But even some of his own supporters said that these personal ruminations, while sincere, are far too introspective to sustain a presidential cam-

paign. Mr. Tsongas came back to the political scene as a self-appointed Paul Revere, with a warning to the Democratic Party to drop its "tax-and-spend, class-warfare, protectionist" economics in favor of avowedly "pro-business" policies.



John Mounty Agence France-Press Paul Tsongas's troubles grew when, as one adviser said, "he got off his message."

The key, he said, is to create tax incen-

Mr. Tsongas gave his economic pre-scription a moral dimension, contrasting tives for expanded investment. That alone, he argued, can produce high-wage indushis austere opposition to middle-class tax cuts with the "irresponsible" deficit For a time this winter, in New Hampspending of Presidents Ronald Reagan shire and other states ravaged by the reces-sion, the message seemed to catch on. and George Bush and the congressional Democrats.

"I'm no Santa Claus," he said When Mr. Clinton stumbled over eharges of marital infidelity and manipu-lation of the Vietnam-era draft laws, Mr. Tsongas's anti-politician politics — his unprepossessing appearance leavened by self-deprecating wit - seemed even more

appealing. The candidacy that blossomed in New Hampshire gathered credibility in states as disparate as Maryland, Maine, Arizona and Washington. But now the campaign

seems to be running out of steam. In retrospect, politicians inside and ontside the Tsongas camp pointed out many things that interfered with his success. Never a high-energy candidate, Mr. Tsongas slowed his campaigning to a crawl in the final week of the New Hampshire primary and never increased the pace as the battlefield broadened in the "Junior Tuesday" and "Super Tuesday" states. When money started coming in after New Hampshire and the political pros who had shunned him previously began offering their services, the Tsongas organi-

zation struggled to deal with success. Scheduling and advertising decisions were made that, with advantage of hindsight, no one would defend. Mr. Tsongas said this week that he had "made a mistake" in exchanging accusa-tions of dirty campaigning with Mr. Clin-ton in the days before Super Tuesday rather than concentrating on delivering his

economic message. But more than these organizational, fi-nancial and logistical problems, it was the candidate himself who "got off his mes-sage," as one adviser said, and created his

own barrier 18 success. "He was saying. 'I have a message," one of his principal advisers said, "but not telling them what the message was." Another said, "He read them the book,

but he couldn't relate it to their lives." Mr. Tsongas's campaign became as much a vindication of his own life and philosophy as an effort to rally the diverse constituencies that make up the Demo-

cratic Party. When he spoke to a group of unemployed professionals and managers in Orlando, Florida, he talked at length about

autoworkers in Michigan.

# **Clinton Unlikely to Lock Up** Nomination Before June 2

House Democratic Caucus who have endorsed a candidate. The Associated Press WASHINGTON - Governor Bill Clinton is amassing a large Even if he won all 1,129 deledelegate advantage, but it is unlikegates at stake in the 20 primaries and caucuses scheduled before the ly that he will lock up the Demo-cratic nomination before Califorend of May, Mr. Clinton still would be 71.75 votes short of the 2.145 nia and five other states hold primaries on June 2. needed to take the nomination and would have to gain the remaining

Decisive victories in Michigan and Illinois on Tuesday gave the governor of Arkansas 944.25 delevotes from superdelegates. gales. Former Senator Paul E. Isongas of Massachusetts was second with 430.25. Former Governor Edmund G. (Jerry] Brown Jr. of California had 127.25.

Mr. Clinlon has won 791 dele-

Senate Backs Off **Over Reporters' Phone Records** 

Washington Post Service WASHINGTON - The Senate counsel who is investigating leaks of Anita F. Hill's sexual harassment charges against Clarence Thomas has moved to resolve a dispute over subpoenas for the telephone records of the two journalists who first reported the allegations

The story broke during Senate proceedings at which Judge Thom-as was later confirmed as a Supreme Court justice .

In letters in attorneys for the reporters, the special counsel. Peter E. Fleming Jr., indicated that he would not request production of Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co. records of the their calls unless the Senate Rules Committee indicated he should do so by rejecting objections filed by the reporters. Senator Wendell H. Ford, Dem-

ocrat of Kentucky, chairman of the rules panel, said news accounts of the subpoenas had caught many senators by surprise. Senator Alan Cranston, Democrat of California, took the Senate floor to denounce their issuance.

The subpoenas covered the home telephones of the reporters, Nina Totenberg of National Public Radio and Timothy M. Phelps of Newsday, as well as those of their news organizations for the two weeks before the stories broke on Oct. 6.

A spokesman for Bell Atlantic Corp., parent of the phone company, said that the records would show only long-distance calls from the numbers subject to the subpoe Das.

# **House Check-Kiting:** It Would Be Hard to **Prove Criminal Intent**

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#### By David Johnston New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - Legal experts say that behind the uproar over. the House bank is a law-enforcement reality. Prosecuting the legisla-tors who ahused their eheck-writing privileges might prove daunting.

The possibility of criminal prosecutions stemming from the scan-dal was raised this week when a spokesman for the U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia, Jay B. Stephens, said federal prosecutors, were conducting a preliminary inquiry to determine whether the transactions at the bank involved criminal wrongdoing.

More than 300 present and former members of Congress are to be officially identified as members who overdrew their accounts at the. House bank without penalty. A total of 24 of them did it with regularity and for large amounts. Others, including three current. cabinet secretaries, did it to a much lesser degree, according to their own admissions. In all cases the checks were covered. Mr. Stephens declined to specify what possible violations were under country and the constrained defined here and the secret state of the

under scrutiny, but criminal defense lawyers and tax experts said the inquiry was probably centering on whether a legislator using the bank engaged in fraud, evaded taxes or violated campaign finance laws.

Apparently referring to the enforcement options he could use, Mr. Stephens said: "The United States attorney's office has responsibility to enforce both the federal law and the local law in the District of-Columbia. All those who work, live and do business in the nation's, capital are subject to those laws."

Possibly the most straightforward potential violation involves a\_ fraud statute in the District of Columbia that makes it a felony for a person to write a check knowingly for at least \$100 more than the

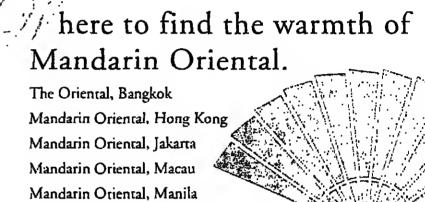
amount on deposit. Federal fraud statutes might also come into play if lawmakers engaged in mail or wire fraud as a result of writing overdrafts that were processed in the national check clearance system through the Baltimore branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond.

Moreover, several lawyers said it was not entirely clear who was victimized if fraud was intended, because since the bank's loose rules permitted check overdrafts as a form of advance secured by the representatives' pay for the next month.

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# Japanese Envoy to U.S. Sets a Mending Course

By Steven R. Weisman says one of the fictions he wants to

have come to hold deep respect and admiration." dispel when he takes up his duties later this month is that of Japan as Mr. Kuriyama is said by colleagues to have been given instruc-tions to get out and about more a musclebound economic colossus challenging U.S. leadership. than his predecessors and serve as a "I don't think most people in more effective spokesman for Ja-Japan feel we are a 7-foot-tall ecopan. Mr. Kuriyama said be nomic giant looking down on the planned to convey the view that both Japan and the United States United States," the diplomat, Ta-kakazu Kuriyama, said in an inter-view. "I don't think we have an must resolve deep-scated social and economic flaws that have led to the

No Free Ride For Buchanans The Associated Press believed that a close relationship

CHANTILLY, Virginia between the two countries is in Ja-pan's best interest," be said. Patrick J. Buchanan's postmorten on his disappointing showings in the Michigan and "America is a country for which I Illinois primaries included mention of a Mercedes-Benz he bought for his wife, Shelley.

The German made car be-came a major liability in Mich-igan as Mr. Bucbanan pressed his America-fust, protectionisl themes. President George Bush did not let anyone forgel it, be ran campaign ads about the car.

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"Are you going to sell your Mercedes?" a reporter asked gates in primaries and caucuses, 54

#### his own life, but never found a wey to say. "You're the people my economic plan will try to save. Even less was be able to express empathy with black audiences in the South or in Chicago, or with anxiety-ridden

image of the United States become ing a second-rate economic pow-

That the new ambassador would have to say these things is a mea-sure of the prevailing tensions be-tween Tokyo and Washington, es-pecially after various Japanese leaders and writers have comment-: <u>-</u> br' ed that the United States is a nation in decline and that its workers are lazy and unproductive. A CARLER AND A CARLE in the second second

Like many ambassadors, Mr. Kuriyama, 60, a veteran diplomat who until recently held the highestranking post to the foreign service, has studied in the United States and served before in diplomatie posts in New York and Washing-ton. But he also brings an unusual perspective his new job.

In the 1930s, his father was Japan's ambassador to Belgium, and he warned against Tokyo's proposed alliance with Germany. After Japan joined the Axis, the elder Kuriyama left the foreign service and became e judge. Today, his son is one of the staunchest pro-American diplomats in the Japanese For-

eign Ministry. 'I would rather be called 'pro-Japan-U.S.' because I have always imports.

By David E. Sanger New York Times Service

TOKYO - Despite a flurry of pledges in recent weeks from North Korea's leaders that

they are nearly ready to allow nuclear inspec-

tors into the country, officials in Seoul and

Washington say that more and more they are

mired in a game of diplomatic hide-and-seek in

which no one really knows how much time is

The officials say they are likely to let the negotiations play themselves out until June or a

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little beyond, the period that North Korea and

South Korea have set as a target for the first inspectioos in establish that neither side is

After that, they believe, enough evidence will

have been assembled to argue to the United Nations Security Council that North Korea,

much like Iraq, is dragging out negotiations in e play for time to build a bomb.

developing or deploying nuclear weapons.

economic imbalance between the two countries. The United States must learn to invest in science, education, research and industry restructuring, he said, while Japan must make its rules of the marketplace conform

trial jobs.

more to those of international trade, so that foreign products and investments are more welcome. Japan, be said, has begun this process and deserves credit for doing so,

even though it must do more. The whole system by which the Japanese operate has to change even more," be said. "It was all right to pursue certain pobcies when we were trying to catch up with the rest of the world. But now Japan has caught up, and we have been rather slow in adjusting."

More than most ambassadors, Mr. Kuriyama will be watching the U.S. election. Japanese leaders have indicated that they are boping for President George Bush's recountries send their troops. election, tending to view Democrais as more anti-Japan.

But Mr. Kuriyama said he was cratie Party is pushing a bill in heartened that the Democratie parliament that would allow the regular dispatch of Japan's Self Defront-runners seem to oppose retaliatory actions blocking Japanese fense Forces overseas for the first time.

Korean Nuclear Vow: Waiting for June

percent of the delegates available in at the end of Mr. Buchanan's airport press conference Wednesday morning. "You want to buy it?" Mrs. Buchanan shot back. "It's for

the contests held so far. The rest of his total is made up of "superdelegates," members of the Democratic National Committee, Democratic governors and members of the

### Japanese Foreign Minister Urges Foreign Peacekeeping Military Role

In Article 9 of the "Peace Consti-United Press International TOKYO — Foreign Minister tution" adopted after World War Michio Watanabe said Wednesday II, Japan resounced the right to use force or the threat of force to solve that Japanese troops needed to participate in overseas peacekeeping international disputes. operations if Japan was to play a

Opposition legislators criticized "Japan can't keep acting like some special case," Mr. Weranabe said before a committee in the source pass the troop hill.

said before a committee in the Diet, Japan's parliament. He said that "no matter where you go." all

53 Zimbabwe Rhino Killed The governing Liberal Demo-Reviers

HARARE, Zimbabwe - Armed poachers from neighboring states killed 53 rhinoceroses and 29 elephants between September last year and January 1992.

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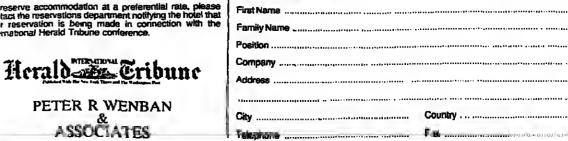
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Agence France-Presse ROSTOCK, Germany - A Romanian man was clubbed to death tack on the home. when 25 young Germans burst into a bome, for asylum-seekers and smashed furniture and windows with baseball bats and stones, the

police said Wednesday. The dead man, identified as Dra- seekers last year, a Mozambican gomir C., 18, died of brain injuries, and a Ghanaian were killed.

the police said. A second Romanian was slightly injured in the at-

or a peaceful resolution."

Policemen said one man was charged with manslaughter and two others were charged with grievous bodily harm after the incident Saturday. In attacks on asylum-

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atomic energy agency must negotiate the sites and nature of the inspections. "You must play a game with them," said

to defuse those tensions and to keep up the pressure on the North. But each new agreement, the latest of which creates a Joint Nuclear Control Commission between North and South to coordinate inspections, seems ridden with loopboles and new

chances for delay. So does the North's separate agreement, signed in June, to allow in the International Alomie Energy Agency. That agreement still needs ratification by the North Korean parliament, e step expected next month, and then the

James R. Lilley, assistant secretary of defense for international security and former ambassa-dor to China, during e conference in Singapore on Asian security. We are trying to create a series of clear incentives and disincentives and

development many believe could take place this year. Once manufactured, the plutonium could easily be hidden from inspectors. François Heisbourg, director of the International Institute for Strategie Studies in London, said recently that "in the next few months we will know what it will be, a major crisis for Asia

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He added, "And we will also see a major test of the relations between the U.S. and South Korea," referring to the reports of tensions between the two allies over the best strategy for still leave them a face-saving way out."

Because estimates vary widely on bow much time North Korea needs to begin producing its own supplies of nuclear fuel, and then to make In recent weeks, a steady flow of Bush adweapons, there are sharp differences of opinion ministration officials have been in Seoul to try over how long it is useful to keep the North Koreans talking. Few believe that a full-scale crisis is imminent, U.S. military officials say there are no preparations under way for a military strike against nuclear plants. But that could change quickly, they say, if any evidence emerges that North Korea has

# Germans Debate What Rights The Old Oppressors Deserve

#### By John Tagliabue New York Times Service

BERLIN - The dismissal of thousands of state officials in Eastern Europe's formerly Communist countries has set off an impassioned debate between those who favor legislation to disqualify former Communists from public-sector jobs and human-rights proponents who say the laws establish collective guilt and deny adequate safeguards and rights of appeal. The sharpest reaction came in a statement last week

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by the International Labor Organization, which criticized a recent Czechoslovak law screening government -and state-industry officials.

A report by the office's governing body in Geneva found that job disqualifications under the law "constitute discrimination on the basis of political opinion" and said that the law's appeals mechanisms "do not 'fully meet the relevant requirements' of international conventions against discrimination.

Adam Michnik, editor of Poland's leading newspa-per, said: "My blackest dream is that we will take all our Communists and send them to Siberia. And then what will we have? Communism without 'Communists.'

Mr. Michnik was addressing a gathering this week at a seminar in Salzburg, Austria, that brought together legislators, government officials and scholars from Latin America and Eastern Europe to discuss the prohlems of transition from dictatorship to democracy.

The consensus appeared to be that although crimes committed hy Latin American dictatorships, like mur-der and kidnappings, are more easily definable by criminal courts, prosecution is often stymied as the military may enact summary amnesties before surrendering power

In Eastern Europe, on the other hand, the transfer of power was more complete after the collapse of Communism, and the military is usually under political control. But the crimes committed by former governments, at least after the early Stalinist period of the 1940s and 50s, are more difficult to prosecute, consisting largely of informing and discrimination as means of political control.

"The Communists committed spiritual rather than hysical genocide," said Arunas Degutis, a member of the Lithuanian Parliament.

Nevertheless, various Eastern European countries are making efforts to penalize former Communists. The German authorities have dismissed thousands of public officials in former East Germany, including judges, schoolteachers and university professors, for collaboration with the old government, according to Kurt Biedenkopf, prime minister of Saxony in former East Germany.

In Hungary, the Supreme Court last week declared unconstitutional a law to lift the statute of limitations on crimes committed during the 1956 uprising. In on crimes committee turing the 1950 uprising. In Poland, a recent declaration by Parliament that the imposition of martial law in 1981 was illegal has led to calls for the prosecution of such former leaders as General Wojciech Jaruzelski.

In Bulgaria, parliamentary commissions are dis-cussing bills to disqualify former Communist officials from public office. Similar laws are under discussion in Latvia and Lithuania.

# **EUROPEAN** TOPICS

Madame Claude: Back At Her Old Trade?

Madame Claude, 69, who ran France's most exclusive call-girl network in the 1960s and 1970s, has been arrested for allegedly returning to her former business activities. French authorities said Wednesday.

Born Fernande Grudet but known by her professional name. Madame Claude was arrested Monday. Investigators said the new operation functioned much like her previous one, which was reportedly patronized by heads of state, royalty and powerful industrialists.

She fled to the United States in 1977 after tax authorities began chasing her. She returned to France in 1985 and spent four months in prison in 1986 for failure to pay the equivalent of \$3 million in back taxes.

Prostitution is legal in France, but pimping is prohibited.

### **Increase in Deaths**

**Of Dolphins Studied** 

British conservationists are British conservationists are hlaming pollition, global warm-ing and overfishing for the abnor-mal number of deaths among dol-phins off the English coast. "We're calling it a marine melt-down," said Mary Munson, a campaigner for the Greenpeace environmental among environmental group. At least 60 dead dolphins have

been washed up on the beaches of Cornwall in southwest England so far this year, three times the number recorded in the whole of 1991. Many of the animals showed no signs of disease, but

in fishing nets. British scientists said they were British scientists said they were puzzled hy the sharp rise in the number of dead dolphins. Some said they believed pollution and global warming, which may be changing sea currents, are affect-ing dolphin migration and driv-ing the animals into intensive fiching range

fishing zones. In France, scientists said they In France, scientists said they list the features of vacation space nad found unprecedented mercu- offered for rent, also inquired

whether they accepted Jews, the up on Mediterranean beaches. office's director, Hanspeter Danuser, said. An employee included

the question because "apparently a very small number of people still have certain reservations not only about Jews but about religious communities in general," he said, adding that the employee "had no evil intention."

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# **UN Envoy Confers in Azerbaijan as Truces Hold Elsewhere**

#### The Associated Press

BAKU, Azerbaijan — Cease-fires appeared to be holding Wednesday in two ethnic trouble spots of the former Soviet Union, while a United Nations special envoy, Cyrus R. Vance, continued a fact-finding mission in a third, Mr. Vance held talks in Baku, the Azerbaijani capital, on the re-(AP, Reuters)

Armenia over the mountainous ter- of the Military Council, which ritory of Nagorno-Karabakh. He overthrew him.

Dniester Republic.

Georgia, where forces loyal to the since Friday.

met the acting president, Yagub Mamedov, and Prime Minister Ga-san A. Gasanov, as well as the speaker of parliament. Cease-fire agreements were

More than 20 people are reported to have been killed and 60 wounded in fighting in the area

Mr. Vance emphasized that he was only on a fact-finding mission for the UN secretary-general, Butros Butros Ghali, and that he had "no intention of trying to do any-thing in the way of mediation." Azerbaijani shelling of Armenian

Mr. Vance, a former U.S. secretary of state, is expected to travel to Armenia and to Nagorno-Karabakh



New York Times Service

BELGRADE - Leaders of the three rival ethnic groups in Bosnia-Herzegovina agreed Wednesday to a plan brokered by the European Community that appears to pave the way for the central Yugoslav republic to become an independent state.

The pact agreed to by Muslim Slavic, Serbian and Croatian leaders would transform Bosnia-Herzegovina into an independent comtry divided into three ethnically defined regions whose outline has yet to be determined. The republic would retain its present borders.

"This document is the basis for further negotiations," said the Enropean Community's mediator. José Cutleiro, adding that a final accord would be embodied in a draft constitution that would have to be approved in an international-

y supervised referendum. The Serbs' acceptance of the plan marks the first time that Serbian leaders in any negotiations in Yugoslavia have abandoned a demand that their community be in-cluded in a rump Yugoslav state.

The Serbs' agreement clearly in-dicates that Serbia's authoritarian president, Slobodan Milosevic, and the pro-Serbian Yugoslav Army ge-have decided not to back a long-held demand from the Serbs in Bosnia-Herzegovina to unite in a single state with Serbia. The agreement fails to resolve A CONTRACTOR OF A CONTRACT OF A CONTRACT.

questions such as the precise relationship between Bosnia-Herzegovina's central government and its three ethnic regions, as well as what will become of the estimated 100,000 Yugoslav Army troops stationed in the republic and the army apons factories there.

"Drawing the map is also going to be a nightmare," a Western dip-lomat said. "The urban areas are ethnically mixed. Families are mixed. Even apartment buildings

The plan effectively requires a msensus of all three ethnic groups to decide questions on foreign affairs, monetary and economic policy, defense and other issues.

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# Kept From Confronting Le Pen, **Militant Left Faction Riots in Paris**

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Place de La Bastille. It was not

clear whether there were injuries or

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches PARIS - Leftist militants overturned cars, hroke windows and set garbage afire Wednesday after being kept from marching to a politi-- cal rally of extreme rightists.

A march called by a variety of arrests. leftist organizations against the extreme-right National Front movement continued peacefully toward the Place de La Bastille under heavy police surveillance. riod.

But a breakaway group of Revolutionary Communist Youth began overturning cars, setting small 'fires, breaking windows and throwing bottles at riot police who blocked their efforts to march to a concert hall where the leader of the National Front, Jean-Marie Le Pen, was speaking.

The Trotskyist demonstrators attacked photographers and televi-

Today's

eastern Paris where Mr. Le Pen's rally was held. Earlier, several major organiza-

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a train station, to the Bastille. The smaller group of Trotskyist youth formed a separate march in hopes of going to a concert hall in north-

The League against Racism and Anti-Semilism, along with SOS Ra-cisme, the Communist Party and Mr. Le Pen was holding his final the national leadership of the governing Socialist Party, said they rally in Paris before regional elections on Sunday. National Front would not join the Le Pen rally. meetings have been marked by vio-Opinion polls show the anti-imlence throughout the campaign pe-

sion crews with tear gas and bot- tions had backed out of attending

ties, witnesses said. Riot police the anti-Le Pen rally, saying they were reported to have charged were concerned that the protest

migrant National Front may win as much as 15 percent of the vote, with Mr. Le Pen scoring up to 30 A group of leftist politicians, unions and organizations marched as planned from the Gare de l'Est,

would be exploited politically.

percent in the Riviera department of Maritime Alps. The Socialist leadership, which has made the fight against the Na-tional Front a central theme of its election campaign, is deeply divided over the value of demonstrations against him.

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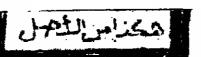
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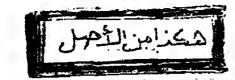
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The publicly stated policy of the Reagan administration in 1983 was

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lar step later this year.

In the East, the governments of Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary are urging the Community to grant them full membership no later than the end of the decade in order to encourage the stable evo-lution of their fragile new democracies and free-market economies. The surge of candidates has ac-celerated debate about the future contours of a united Europe and

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enlargement would paralyze any hopes of achieving progress in the next few years toward such goals as a single currency and joint foreign and security policies. As a result, the EC Commission

preparing new plans for the mmunity's members to confront the future shock of enlargement by considering a major overhaul of its decision-making apparatus at the next summit meeting of Communi-ty leaders, to be held in Lisbon in late June.

If the Community wants to avoid being overwhelmed by its size, EC officials say that its institutions will have to be adapted before absorbing several new members. But that seems bound to provoke another clash of interests over powers reserved to the national govern-

A general sense of agreement is emerging over timing and phases of enlargement. If only for economic reasons, EC officials say the Community will probably acquiesce on granting early entry, perhaps in 1995. to the less populous, affluent countries, like Sweden, Austria and Finland, and perhaps Norway and Switzerland if they decide to apply. Maita and Cyprus would also be

relatively easy to digest. But Turkey, because of its size, underdeveloped economy and fast-expanding population, may have to wait even though it first submitted an application for membership years ago. By absorbing the wealthier European states first, the Community hopes to be able to move toward a second phase of incorporating new members from impoverished Eastern Europe at the end of the de-

### **TERROR:** Shiites Claim Bomb (Continued from page 1)

Menem, who is of Syrian descent, the U.S. Embassy in Beinut in April enjoys warm relatious with Argentine Jews, who oumber at least 1983 with a suicide bomb that 300,000 and are the largest concenkilled 17 Americans. Six months later, the group launched truck-bomb attacks that killed 242 U.S. Marines and 58 French paratroops tration in Latin America.

At least two Israelis were among those killed, news agencies reported, and several more Israelis were thought to be missing. Estimates of the number of people unaccounted

for - and presumed trapped varied from 10 to 20. As workers removed some of the

Republicans should uphold. Those as our security is threatened and ideas, rather than attacks on the our dear Islam is in danger," the rubble, the full extent of the dampresident, will become the focal statement said. "We will no longer age became clearer. A huilding point of his efforts, they said. Mr. Bush cleimed victory in a written statement in which he said the votlet our tyrannized people pay the across the street housing a school was almost completely destroyed, as was a senior citizens' center ers of Michigan and Illinois had have been attracted to Mr. Buchannearby. Other buildings on the "pushed the delegate count to a an appear to have opted instead block appeared to have suffered level where my nomination is virtustructural damage, with big cracks ally assured." in the facades. The bombing drew widespread November, the president pledged international condemnation, with to "reinvent our schools, transform the United Nations secretary-gen-eral, Butros Butros Ghali, saying it welfare and health care" and "change America as we changed demonstrated the need for concertthe world." ed action to fight international terrorism President George Bush told Israel and Argentina that the United States was ready to help find those responsible for the bombing.



CHECKOUT TIME FOR HOTEL QUEEN - The hotelier Leona Helmsley, 71, collapsing in a Manhattan court on Wednesday after learning she is to begin her four-year prison sentence for tax evasion on April 15 - the deadline for filing federal taxes.

### **CLINTON:** Waiting for a Crash

view of some Democrats who have

watched him turn himself almost

ently still failed utterly to sell him-

Jesus' Enemy

Reuters

chaeologists say they have un-

earthed in Jerusalem the tomb

and remains of the high priest Cataphas, who the New Testa-

ment says handed Jesus to the

The Israeli Antiquities Au-

thority said that a construc-

tion crew had stumbled onto

the inscribed ossuary and

called archaeologists to exam-

ine it. The inscription read, "Yehosef bar Caiapha."

Romans for crucificion.

JERUSALEM - Israeli ar-

he once specialized in.

#### (Continued from page 1)

meantime they are staying in the contest in the hope that some new revelation will bring him down. "Every morning Bill Clinton gets

overnight into a populist evangelist denouncing hig business, free trade, high taxes and the kind of out of bed," said a senior figure in the Tsongas campaign, "he faces the possibility of some media disas-ter unfolding that day. We would he fools to get out at this point. You stay in, you soldier on, you try to remain a constructive alternafort there, but Mr. Tsongas appartive, so if ....

Nevertheless, the Illinois and Michigan races indicate that Presi-dent George Busb still bas plenty of problems of his own.

In Illinois, a state that has gone with the winner in 9 of the last 10 presidential elections, a Chicago ribune poli last week showed Mr. Clinton beating Mr. Bush, and Mr. Tsongas, the former Massachusetts senator, tying him. It indicates that only one-third of the electorate thinks the president can solve the nation's economic problems.

large numbers of "Reagan Democrats," he has a very long way to go; a Detroit News poil last week found that 94 percent of Demo-crats, an unheard-of number, had lost faith in Mr. Bush's economic stewardship.

The task may well be beyond Mr. Bush or any president. Many of the jobs lost in the recession that has devastated the American automobile industry have probably been lost forever, which is a politically unspeakable truth.

That kind of weakness in an incumbent makes Democratie politicians keen for the hunt. In normal circumstances, they would be clos-ing ranks around Mr. Clinton, tig him a big winner after hi

10 victories in two weeks. But they

are not; they are worrying about

Mr. Clinton's vulnerability in the

general election, which encourages

For the moment, Mr. Brown has

economically devastated industrial

state where he demonstrated strong

appeal to union members and eth-

the claims of the also-rans.

required the Reagan and later the Bush administration to suspend foreign aid to Pakistan unless the Islamabad "does not possess a nu-clear explosive device" and that the assistance would reduce the risk that it might develop onc. The memo, dated June 23, 1983,

and released by the National Security Archives, read: "There is un-ambiguous evidence that Pakistan is actively pursuing a nuclear weapons development program."

By Norman Kempster Los Angeles Times Service WASHINGTON — The State

It added: "Pakistan's long-term goal is to establish a nuclear deterrent to aggression by India, which A third-party candidacy by Mr. Brown cannot be ruled out, in the remains Pakistan's greatest security concern."

It said information indicated late last year.

### Yeltsin Asserts Ukraine opulently financed campaigns that Mr. Tsongas finished second in Minois. Mr. Brown made little ef-Has Shifted Arms Stand

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Aid Flowing for 7 Years

By Serge Schmemann

New York Times Service MOSCOW - President Boris N. Yeltsin said Wednesday that he had been assured Ukraine's battlefield nuclear weapons would be withdrawn to Russia by July as planned.

tion from Kiev that the Ukrainian president, Leonid M. Kravchuk, had reversed his order to halt the transfer.

told a group of deputies from the Russian legislature that Mr. Kravchuk had told him by telephone on Tuesday that Ukraine would meet the July 1 deadline for transferring tactical weapons to Russia for de-

The elimination of the weapons was agreed on by the United States and the former Soviet Union last autumn, and once the Commonwealth of Independent States was formed, Ukraioe agreed to transfer its weapons to Russia for dismantling.

suspending the transfer, giving as tors, Mr. Yeltsin was quoted as his reason that he had no guaran- saying that he regarded the cretees the weapons were being de- ation of a Defense Ministry as tran-

self to any significant number of hlacks or hlue-collar whites, groups that any Democratic nominee must attract in significant numbers to stand a chance of winning. Tomb in Israel

However, there was no confirma-Is Said That of

According to the news agencies ltar-Tass and Interfax, Mr. Yeltsin

struction.

"Of over a thousand ossuar-On Thursday, Mr. Kravchuk unics found in Jerusalem, we've expectedly announced that he was recognized the names of mayhe five personalities," the archaeologist Ronny Reich was quoted by the authority as say-

The declaration disturbed Wash ington. In Moscow, it was viewed largely as a ploy to wrest for Ukraine a share of Western funds earmarked to help with the dismantling of the weapons, and as a political maneuver in advance of a meeting of Commonwealth leaders in Kiev on Friday.

The fate of the vast Soviet military machine is high on the agenda, and Ukraine has been especially adamant in resisting Russia's claim to the bulk of the former Soviet Army. The dispute is couched largely in terms of nation-building, but its kernel is widely viewed in Moscow and in Kiev to be the po-

tential commercial value of military hardware. Earlier this week, on his return from a two-week vacation, Mr. Yeltsin announced that Russia was setting up its own Defense Ministry, and that be would act as its minister.

That move was also seen in the context of the ongoing dispute, as a preparation in case Russia needed to form its own army.

In his comments to the legisla-

In Michigan, where there are

**BUSH:** Buchanan to Lower Heat

100 Bush delegates uncontested in New York, Mr. Bush had 807 of the chances of George Bush in the gen-1,105 delegates be needed for Aides said Mr. Buchanan would

nomination. In the voting, Mr. Buchanan was burt by a very low crossover of Democratic voters ioto the Republican contest. In exit polling, only 4 percent of Republican primary vot-ers called themselves Democrats.

for former Governor Edmund G.

(Jerry) Brown Jr. of California,

who ran second to Governor Bill

Clinton of Arkansas in Michigan's

"Candor does command us to

concede that geography and time

were not on our side in the last two

Mr. Bochanan's aides indicated

that their candidate might do less

campaigning in upcoming primary

states and cast himself as a national

The president said that he now

weeks," Mr. Buchanan said.

Democratic primary.

The angriest Democrats, who r other circumstances

Carol Moseley Braum, an official in Cook County, Illinois, was in a

gleeful mood after beating the incumbent, Senator Alan Dixon, by 38 percent to 34 percent in the Democratic primary on Tuesday. If elected, she would become the first black woman in the Senate.

We will make the aggressors pay very high prices," the group said. (AP. Reuters, NYT. UPI. AFP)

The Beirut statement appeared

We assert anew that there will

not be security for anyone as long

in their bases in Beirut.

to threaten new attacks.

price alone.

Eugene Robinson of The Washington Post reported from Buenos Aires:

Rescue workers pulled more bodies from the wreckage of the embassy on Wednesday, as Argen-tine authorities pointed to what they called firm indications that the explosion was caused by a car bomb.

An Argentine government official, Alfredo Bisordi, said he had counted 20 bodies. He also said 240 people had been wounded.

Interior Minister Jose Luis Manzano said that the explosion, which demolished the three-story embassy building and heavily damaged nearby structures, was caused by a powerful bomb in a car that had been parked at the embassy entrance.

"The car bomb was a Ford Fairlane automobile, with approxi-mately 100 kilograms of explosives," Mr. Manzano said. A large crater was left where the car had apparently been parked, officials said, and a piece of the car's engine was blown a half-block away by the force of the roughly 220 pounds of explosives.

Before the Islamic Jihad statement, Mr. Manzano said Argentine investigators had adopted the theory that the bombing was carried out by "fundamentalist terrorists who want to prevent the success of the peace talks" being held by Israel, the Palestinians and several Arab states.

These are acts of unbalanced people, insane attitudes of men who have not learned to live in peace," said the Argentine presi-

gates was justified. The president won all 147 delegates at stake Tues-day, and took a 707-to-46 delegate lead over Mr. Buchanan, according to an Associated Press count. With

(Continued from page 1) aged to win in only one of the 15

electoral regions, that of Pietersburg, in the north. Even there, in a farming area that is a bastion of white rightist resistance, it won only 57 percent of the vote.

It lost in fonr conservative strongholds - Pretoria, Roodepoort, Blocmfontein and Kroonstad - even though three of those regions have elected far more Conservative Party deputies to Parliament than Mr. de Klerk's National

Party has. The leader of the opposition Conservative Party, Andries Trear-

#### Theft at a Jerusalem Shrine Reuters

JERUSALEM - An armed robber hroke open a case and stole jewelry and other pilgrim offerings at a shrine to the Virgin Mary in the dent, Carlos Saúl Menem. Mr. Church of the Holy Sepulcher.

nicht, ascribed the meager support for a "no" vote to what he called the National Party's "hysterical claims" of possible renewed sanc-

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soon deliver a major speech outlin-ing a set of principles he believes

Pointing himself firmly toward

Mr. Bush's statement about dele-

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eral election.

er and not to have power of your own to protect your own freedom. Black majority rule must still enme.

that the majority, whatever its peris any constitutional way or door centage of the vote, should rule.

Mr. de Klerk warned of a risk of "radicalism" from both the political left and right, and called upon South Africans to join hands and "stand firm." ty.

voice for his brand of conservatism. nic voters. **REFORM:** De Klerk Calls Apartheid a 'Closed Book' JAWS:

> Japanese-Style had a strong mandate to negotiate and that it was "improbable" that (Continued from page 1) be would call a new white referenmetal beimet toward the man-cat-

> But he made it clear that "an CT. The shark poked at the belmet a few times with its shout and then swam away. Authorities at the Ehime Prefecture Maritime Safety Agency said that was exactly the right thing to do, because sharks tend to lose interest in anything He predicted "tough negotia-tions" on power-sharing, saying the National Party believed that "if pas But two weeks later, on March 8,

Koji Harada's hrother, Kazuto, 41. was less fortunate. He was harvesting abalone on the bottom when crew members waiting above in his boat heard that horrifying final message.

The threat of a man-cater immediately stopped all shell diving in the region. Ohshima, the capital of sbell diving, suffered more than other inland Sea villages.

And so local fishermen have organized their own shark-catching council. Some crews were assigned to gather hait - it was decided that dangle the bait and others to patrol the nearby Kurushima Straits. And Tuesday morning, amid a furious rumble of engines and a

thick cloud of diesel fumes, the

squadron of Ohshima fishing ships, dubbed the "Great War Fleet" by

the national press, rumbled out of the harbor to drop their huge shark

"Nobody here can earn a living until we get that shark," said Ryoi-

chi Takase, president of the local

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hooks amid the baited buoys.

cooperative.

the better of the argument, in terms of credibility if not delegates, in which he trails Mr. Tsongas. The former California governor's advantage results from his strong second-place finish in Michigan, an

stroyed. He suggested that Ukraine sitional, and that the move did not ing. He said Christians saw the might set up its own dismantling presuppose the transfer of former facility and asked for Western Soviet troops to Russian jurisdicfind as proof that the New Testament story was true. money to do that.

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tions, widespread violence and dum to approve a final agreement. soaring white unemployment. "Whites bave now voted for important gap" remained in the constitutional negotiations bepower-sharing," be said. "They will tween his National Party and the ANC over the structure of an interfind out what it means to lose powim government, which is expected to be created soon.

Mr. Treumicht said that despite the rightists' defeat, "the struggle for freedom and survival is now you have 51 percent of the vote, you should not have 100 percent of continuing in even greater carnestthe power."

But he said his party would not resort to violence "as long as there Mr. Mandela, he said, believed

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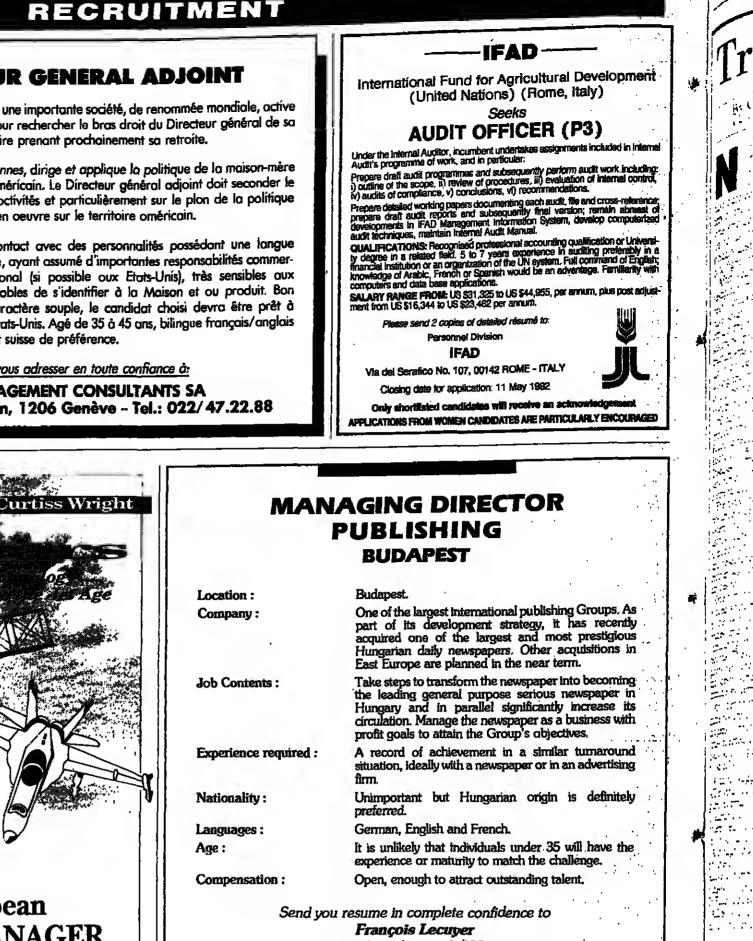
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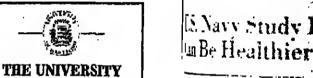
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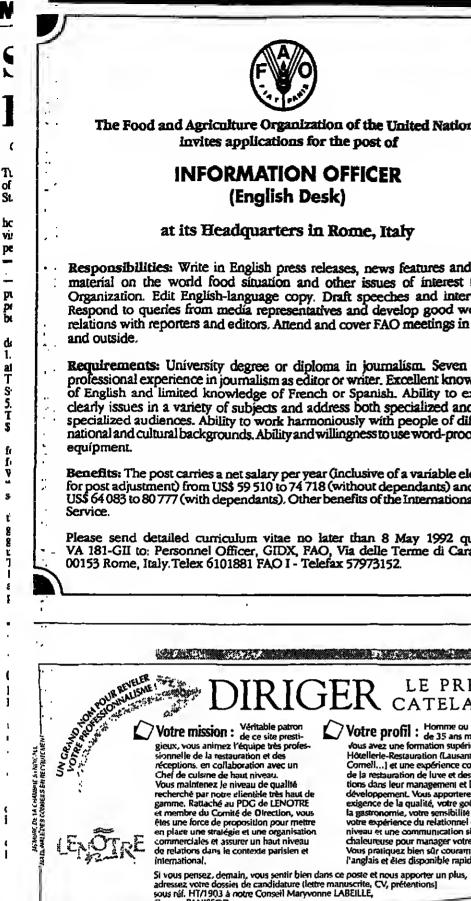
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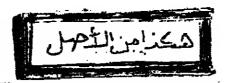
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**Tracking the Path of AIDS After Infection** 

By Gina Kolata New York Times Service

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EW YORK - Ever since the virus that causes AIDS was discovered, seientists have puzzled over e central mys-tery of the disease. How can this virus smolder in the immune system for as long as 10 years before it fmally destroys a person's ability to fight infections?

After years of bafflement, investigators now believe they have nearly cracked the puzzle. They have several competing ideas to explain the mystery, and some researchers propose that all the mechanisms they are finding may act in concert. The payoff from solving the mystery, experts say, should be new drugs or vaccines to stop the virus.

Clearly, this has therapeutic implications," said Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. "The field is moving very rapidly. There is a lot of excitement, activity and interest." The bypotheses are based on a

new understanding of the immune system that bas emerged in the last few years. And with every new revelation about the immune system, researchers have discovered another way that the AIDS virus can destroy it.

One hypothesis involves a bitle noticed white blood cell that larks in the skin and mucous membranes and plays a key role in stimulating other cells to fight infections. These cells, some investigators say, are directly infecting, and destroying, the rest of the

immune system. Another proposal is that the immune system is toppled by "superantigens," proteins produced by virus-infected cells that can selectively kill large groups of white blood cells.

A third suggestion is that the AIDS virus activates suicide pro-

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decline of the immune system that occurs with virtually no sign or symptom of illness. The infection begins with a brushfire in the immune system.

The buman immunodeficiency virus spreads rapidly through a susceptible class of white blood cells, the T4 cells, that normally fight infections. As many as 20 to 40 percent of the T4 cells die. The infected person, in the meantime, often has a flu-like illness, with chills and fever.

But the immune system fights back, making antibodies to fight the virus and replenishing the T4 cells that were destroyed, As a result, the number of T4 cells rebounds to 80 or 90 percent of normal, and infected people may have virtually no clinical sign or symptom of infection. The only way they could know would be to

have a blood test. Researchers are only now beginning to discern what happens as the virus slowly crodes the T4 cell population.

Although the evidence for each hypothesis is provocative, "the Two to 10 years after the initial relative contribution of each hyinfection, an infected person's T4 pothesis is unclear at present," cell count drops to about 300 cells per milliliter of blood, a third of normal. Then the first symptoms AIDS is a disease that comes only at the end of a long, slow of an HIV infection often occur,

typically a fungus infection of the mouth or other mucous membrane. As the T4 cells continue to decline, other, more deadly infecuons crop up and the weakened immune system cannot fend them The question, then, is, what is the virus doing during the years it is croding the immune system?

The first clue, investigators said, was in learning where to look for the virus. For years, investigators looked at the T cells circulating in the blood to try to discover how many were infected and why they were slowly dying. But that

strategy, Dr. Fauci said, may have led into blind alleys. The problem is that only 2 percent of T4 cells are in the blood. The rest are in other tissues and organs, like the lymph nodes, spleen and bone marrow, that aid in the growth and maturation of

believe that the virus constantly destroys T4 cells in these other tissues and organs, but that this destruction is not reflected in the blood until some threshold is reached. Dr. Fauci said this was

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think they have found a hiding place: the immune system's dendritic cells. found in the blood, skin and mucus membranes. to the T4 cells it kills.

The New York Times; Illustration by Michael Reingold

analogous to what is seen in the late the T4 cells to multiply and pour into the blood to destroy the foreign invader.

Dendritic cells in mucous membranes, referred to as Langerhans cells at that stage, are in the perfect spot to be infected with HIV, Dr. Haseltine said. They lurk in the membranes of the vagina, cervix and penis.

'In monkeys, when you apply virus to the sexual mucosa, the dendritic cells are the first ones

T4 cells take four to five days to become infected and macrophages, another white blood cell that had been suspected of being the reservoir of HIV in the body, take two weeks to become infected. Dendritic cells produce 10 to 20 times more AIDS viruses than T4 cells, and 50 to 100 times more viruses than macrophages, Dr. Haseltine found,

cell membrane of any T4 cell that

infects and that is stimulated to fight a foreign invader. A stimulated T4 cell puts large quantities of a protein, CD4, on its surface. At the same time, the

infected cell is making human immunodeficiency viruses that slip out of the cell by passing though the cell membrane. But HIV has on its surface a protein that sticks to CD4. And on their way out of the cell, many virus particles get tangled in the thicket of CD4 proteins on the T4 cell's surface.

As a consequence, the cell's membrane weakens and stretches, and the cell hursts and dies. Dr. Haseltine added that T4 cells are the only cells in the body that can produce a mass of CD4 molecules on their surface, which is why T4 cells are the cells killed by HIV. But other researchers suggest that HIV kills T4 cells more indirectly. One bypothesis favored by many immunologists holds that HIV directs cells to make a superhey may pass the virus on . antigen, a protein that can obliterate large numbers of T4 cells.

> UPERANTIGENS, which are secreted by bacteria that cause toxic shock syndrome and by those that cause food poisoning stick to T4 cells and can hold them together, but the way they kill the cells is not yet clear.

Dr. Charles Janeway of the Yale University School of Medicine said he was struck by an cerie similarity between the pattern of superanugen killing of cells and the pattern of cell death in AIDS. Superantigens, Janeway said, "are still not well understood," but they appear to act by linking white blood cells together, resulting in their death.

Dr. Janeway said that about a year ago, immunologists noticed that if they injected animals with superantigens from bacteria, the animals' T4 cells would divide, but then many of the T4 cells would disappear. It was provoca-tive, be said, that the superantisens seemed to kill exactly those cells destroyed by the AIDS virus. At the same time, investigators found that viruses of the same

general class as HIV can direct the production of superantigeus. These viruses, like HIV, are retroviruses, a group whose genetic material can be copied into DNA and slipped in with the genetic material of the infected cell.

### IN BRIEF

#### Japanese Firm Develops Solar-Hybrid Car

TOKYO (Reuters) — A Japanese company said Wednesday it had developed a solar-bybrid car which can also run in the dark. Designed to run mainly on solar power, the two-seat vehicle has a back-up fuel cell for Sanyo Electric Co. said that its 400-kilogram (880-pound) Mirai-1 car

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uses no fossil fuels and is powered only by solar energy and environmen-tally safe chemicals. The car is driven by a nickel-cadmium rechargeable battery, charged from a silicon solar cell when the sun is shining and e fuel cell when it is not.

After six hours in the sun, the battery can propel the car at 30 to 40 kilometers an hour (20 to 25 mph) for two hours. When this is used up, the refillable fuel cell can keep it going at this speed for another hour. Sanyo bopes to license the technology, e spokesman said.

#### For Species Diversity, Hiding Places Count

NEW YORK (NYT) - A mathematician and a biologist have found, to their surprise, that one of the most important determinants of species diversity in an ecological community is the available hiding places. Dr. Michael Hochberg, of the National Center for Scientific Research in Paris, and Dr. Bradford Hawkins of the Center for Population Binlogy at Imperial College in London, devised a model that approximated the real-life drama of parasitic wasps and their prey, the insects into which they lay their cggs.

These wasps are different from other kinds of parasites in that their developing young do not just weaken their hosts but kill them. In the wild, these parasitic wasps seek out insect targets. The victim species look for hiding places as far from the flight paths of the wasps as they can get.

In the journal Science, the researchers reported that the simulated communities that could support the greatest variety of parasite species were those where neither too many nor too few victims could be hidden. If all the victims can find cover, the parasite species will not have enough food. Likewise if there are very few refuges, the parasites could destroy all their victims, leaving none for the next generation.

"We've identified what is possibly the single most important determinant of diversity and that is the ability of the bost to escape from its parasites," said Dr. Hochberg.

#### PCB Levels Are Sharply Down in British Air.

NEW YORK (NYT) - Scientists have evidence that concentrations of . the pervasive industrial pollutants known as PCBs, polychlorinated biphenyls, have decreased significantly in the air of rural England. PCBs were first mannfactured in 1929 and used as coolants for electrical equipment in Europe and North America until the 1970s, when studies showed that harmful compounds had entered the food chain.

Dr. Kevin C. Jones, an environmental chemist at the University of Lancaster in Britain, and his colleagues analyzed samples of plant foliage collected over 25 years to gauge air pollution. They report their results in the current issue of the British journal Nature.

The scientists found that in the late 1980s air concentrations of some PCBs, primarily the lower-weight compounds, were just 2 percent of the level present in the late 1960s. Heavier PCBs, more common in animal tissues, also have decreased, but not as much. On average, concentrations were 16 percent of the level in the 1960s.

#### Long Ago and Far Away, Kilroy Was There

WASHINGTON (WP) - The babit of certain tourists who write their names on rocks, trees or walls is not an example of modern decadence. Werner Eck of the University of Cologne reported to an international conference on Christian archaeology that it is a venerable tradition.

Carved into the rock of the ancient Egyptian town of Abu Simbel, for example, are Greek graffiti dating from the sixth century B.C. According to a recently compiled catalogue, 4,829 graffid have been found on or near religious shrines in Egypt from the third century B.C. to the late Roman era, At a popular resting spot on the trail from Palestine to the Sinai Peninsula, be reported, the rocks bear at least 263 inscriptions that are Greek, Latin and Nabatean versions of "Kilroy was here

# Lean Diet Works With Men at Sea U.S. Navy Study Proves Sailors

# Sex Crimes: Is There a Medical Solution?

#### By Sandra G. Boodman Washington Past Service

ASHINGTON The recent request by a Texas man to be sur-gically castrated instead of standing trial for the rape of a 13-year-old girl has revived one of the most emotional questions in medicine and law: what works in treating sex offenders?

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defendant said he bad changed his abandoned surgical castration in shock or an unpleasant smell, a mind about being castrated. Mon- favor of so-called chemical castra- behavior modification technique day, the judge withdrew his ap-dour weekly injections with drugs known as aversive conditioning, proval of the procedure, saying he called anti-androgens that blunt In the case of a child molester-

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was unable to find a doctor to per- the sex drive. The best known of attracted to 10-year-old girls, severform it. Publicity about the case, these drugs is Depo Provera, a fe- ing the connection between arousal, Most experts say Depo Provera ing about a little girl and then sniffworks best if it is administered in ing an ammonia capsule. Many programs also attempt to change e sex offender's thoughts therapy. Depo Provera, however, can through intensive re-education. have side effects, among them weight gain, bot flashes and byper-Although each method has its. ardent proponents, the effective-ness of sex-offender treatment protension. As a result, many men stop taking it, according to Judith grams is far from clear. Because the, Becker, professor of psychiatry and field is new, there are few conpsychology at the University of Ar-izona College of Medicine. And while Depo Provern blunts the sex drive, it does not redirect it. trolled scientific studies evaluating different regimens. Furthermore,

#### cells are continually being infectinfected," he said. In the test tube, ed and killed by another type of he said, dendritic cells become inwhite blood cell, the dendritic cell. fected with HIV much more quickly than other cells and within two days start spewing out copies of the virus.

T4 cells are primed to die once they are infected. Dr. Haseltine said. The reason, be said, is that the virus ends up destroying the

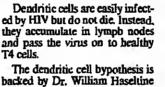
backed by Dr. William Haseltine and his colleagues at the Harvard University School of Medicine. Dendritic cells, Dr. Haseltine said, are formed in the bone marrow and creep through the skin

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### Can Be Healthier — and Like It

THE UNIVERSITY By Jane E. Brody ::F HARTFORD New York Times Service SUNESS SCHOOL à

EW YORK - Can young American men used to eating meat, potatoes, gravy and ice cream adapt to a more wholesome diet and actually learn to like it? Yes, if they are stuck cating it for six months without barbecued ribs and frics to tempt them, a demonstration study among sailors has shown.

Given no choice during a sixmonth tour at sea, the 380-member crew of a U.S. Navy ship, the destroyer Scott, not only endured a menu that followed American Cancer Society nutritional guidelines, but benefited from it and even enjoyed it.

Most experienced significant health benefits and more than half said they liked the food. Forty-four percent said they would stick to a similar menu back on shore. When compared with a similar

group of sailors on another ship, the Peterson, who continued to eat the usual fare, sailors on the test diet were more likely to have lost weight, inches and body fat and to have reduced their cholesterol levels. On average, the crew members

on the Scott lost nearly 12 pounds (5.5 kilos) each, while the sailors on the comparison ship gained about 7 pounds each. Among sailors whose

starting weight was 200 pounds or more, 74 percent lost weight on the **Streamlining Wednesdays** bealth-promoting diet, as against Menus for Wednesday on the USS Scott and revised menus. only 26 percent who lost weight on OLD MENUS

the comparison ship. The average sailor on the Scott had knocked two fatty inches off his waist while his counterpart on the Peterson had added an inch and a half.

Serum cholesterol levels also changed significantly; those on the Scott reduced theirs but those on the Peterson experienced a rise.

LL these changes took place even though the men were allowed to eat Α as much as they wanted, said the director of the study, Dr. Daniel W. Nixon, vice president for professional education of the American Cancer Society and a com-mander in the U.S. Naval Reserve.

"This study proves that our guidelines are easily implemented and that people don't miss the other diet," said Dr. Walter Lawrence , president of the cancer society.

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The guidelines emphasize avoiding obesity through dietary change and exercise. The recommended diet calls for getting no more than 30 percent of calories from fat, cating more fruits, vegetables and oth-er high-fiber foods and avoiding excess consumption of alcohol.

On the Scott, instead of barbecued ribs, the menu included ovenbaked roast beef, a leaner alterna-

adapted as well. High-fat candy tive. Tuna sandwiches replaced fried chicken, and sherbets and sorbets stood in for high-fat ice cream. And instead of drowning vegetables in a sea of butter, as navy cooks are wont to do, the Scott chefs seasoned vegetables with a butter-flavored, fat-free substitute. While the men were at liberty to cat whatever they wanted on twoday shore leaves, they were counseled not to stray too far from the est expectations. ship fare. And lest they undo the

bars were replaced with coated chocolate bits and sugar-sweetened hard candy, popcorn and pretzels substituted for deep-fried chips, and beef jerky disappeared.

The New York Time-

Dr. Nixon said in an interview that he was impressed that nearly 90 percent of the sailors on the Scott either liked or were neutral about the test diet, beyond his wild-

"The sailors ate the food and didn't fuss about the dietary test diet's benefits at the ship's change," he said. snack bar, offerings there were

Therapists who treat rapists and child molesters often passionately disagree about drugs, behavior modification or re-education. But they are united in the view that castration is useless and probably counterproductive in preventing sexual assaults.

"There's a high degree of folklore about what castration does and doesn't do," said John Money, emeritus professor of medical psychology and pediatrics at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine.

The belief in the efficacy of castration, said Dr. Money, a pionecr in the treatment of sex offenders, "is based on a popularized belief from childbood" — that castrated animals are asexual.

The most common misconcep tion about castration is that it involves amputating the penis. In fact, surgical castration usually involves removal of the testicles that produce the male bormone testosterone. The penis is left intact.

Men who are castrated often are still able to have an erection and may be capable of intercourse. Their sex drive is diminished because the testicles are no longer present to produce testosterone. But the drive is not eliminated.

Last week, relatives of the Texas

bate about castration. Rape crisis workers say violence, not sex, is the real problem. "This conjunction with other forms of misfocuses the issue and feeds into the myths about rape," said Denise Snyder, executive director of the District of Columbia Rape Crisis Center. "Sexual assault is a crime of violence and aggression, not the product of an uncontrollable sex drive.'

The problem is often in the brain, not the testicles, said Barbara K. Schwartz, director of the Sex Offender Treatment Program at Twin Rivers Correctional Center in Monroe, Washington. A rapist who has been castrated "could still be a phenomenal danger. He can go out and, instead of raping people, he can assault them with broom handles or bottles or beat them up or kill them."

Castration is one of the oldest and most controversial methods of treating sex offenders. It has been used infrequently in the United States in the last 100 years. The practice has been more widely used in Germany and Scandinavia.

In Denmark in the late 1950s other sex crime. In the and early 1960s sex offenders were dophiles or men who permitted to choose prison or surparaphilias - intense, gical castration. Research on 900 castrated sex offenders showed that fantasics about devian treatment initially focu the rate of repeat offenses was low, bing fantasies of their ebout 5 percent. But 46 percent of associating them wi the men said they continued to have intercourse.

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and men who commit incest. Dr. gram. Becker, who has treated bundreds of sex offenders, says studies have shown that about 40 percent of **Peter Keppler** rapists will repeat their crimes. So will pedophiles who are interested exclusively in young boys.

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Russia and Ukraine, the core of the new commonwealth that replaced the Soviet Union only in December, are veering sharply apart. Ukraine wants to maintain an alarmingly large army and is refusing to surrender all its nuclear arms to central control. It is bent on economic policies that could damage trade with its commonwealth neighbors. Russia, not timid about asserting its own nationalism, is fomenting separatism in Ukraine's Crimea region and seeking a buge share of military resources. Even if the commonwealth's next meeting, on Friday, is

its last, Washington's plain interest is to keep heated rivalry between the republics from breaking into open conflict. Washington can make clear that it will

not waste aid on republics that maintain unaffordably large armies, proliferate arms or practice beggar-thy-neighbor economic nationalism. And it can forge a common approach with its allies in Western Europe and Japan to prevent the republics from playing them off against each other.

The commonwealth is a committee, not a confederation, created through uneasy compromise between republics like Ukraine, which saw it as a stepping stone to full independence, and others like Russia, which saw it as a path to reunion. Ukrainian nationalists, who blame Russian misrule for all

### Nuclear Responsibility

The latest political scuffling between Russia and Ukraine, over disposition of the former Soviet Union's nuclear weapons, could mean trouble. Russians insist that there is no loss of central control by the Commonwealth of Independent States over any of these arms. But Ukraimans are altering disposal procedures to assert their sovereignty against what they depict as Moscow's grabbiness. This tussle of nerves catches the United States between a prudent desire to soak up nuclear weapons expeditiously and a calculated political strategy of cultivating each new republic. It should be easy to get priorities straight. First comes nuclear re-sponsibility. There will be no shortage of occasions to cultivate Ukrainian pride.

The United States has accepted Russia, the largest and historically the leading republic, as the single successor state - the one to pick up the old Kremlin's international obligations. Ukraine argues that there are 15 successor states, but it is only sensible for the West to acknowledge that some republics are more equal than others. What Ukraine can reasonably demand is not that it be arbitrarily declared Russia's match but that democracy should be equally respected in all the former republics. Democracy in Russia is in fact Ukraine's best guarantee that Russia is

their troubles, seek the symbols of nationhood - their own currency, army, even nuclear arms - but symbols of nationalism exact a price. Ukraine cannot afford 400,000 troops. Besides, that is too small a force to rival Russia's - and large enough to alarm other neighbors. Ukraine, whose trade with other republics accounted for one-third of its gross domestic product, cannot suddenly go it alone. Its economy is linked to Russia's, as is its power grid. Kiev cannot expect to cut those lines and not be left in the dark.

Ukraine's President Leonid Kravchuk pursues gimmicky economic policies and blames Russia for the barren results. He introduces new currencies instead of reform. He distributes coupons to keep Russians from buying Ukraine's goods. But the Russians just swap their rubles for coupons --- at increasingly favorable rates. And Ukraine's soaring budget deficit will soon turn its new currency into wallpaper.

Washington needs to boost its aid to both republics substantially — and set stringent conditions before releasing it. The United States can insist that economic nationalism yield to cooperation, that military forces be reduced, and that Russia cease encouraging separatism in Crimea, which Moscow ceded to Ukraine in 1954. Straight talk might in-duce even ardent nationalists to cooperate, for the good of their separate nations. - THE NEW YORK TIMES.

going to be a good neighbor and is not going to be reborn as an aspiring imperial power. Ukrainians point out fairly that democracy is far from consolidated in Russia. But it is no sure thing in Ukraine, either.

In Russia, President and Prime Minister Boris Yeltsin now appoints himself acting defense minister. This three-hat trick is more than an assertion of personal power. It is a long step toward abandoning the pretense that a real commonwealth exists and toward accepting the reality that the force Mr. Yeltsin actually commands is a Russian army. Is it a good thing? Yes. The commonwealth idea is a useful single umbrella under which to park nuclear weapons. Otherwise, having a Russian army diminishes any basis on which Russia could claim to lord it over other republics. Bent on having its sovereign-

ty recognized, Ukraine likes it that way. Some in Russia - not Mr. Yeltsin, but nationalists led by his vice president, Alexander Rutskoi - may we the fading commonwearth is a device to preserve remnants of the seviet Union. Ukraine and other new states see it as a divorce court to split up old Soviet assets and liabilities, like the foreign debt. This Friday the commonwealth takes up the contentious matter of divvying up Soviet military forces and hardware. Mutual need should inspire mutual respect. -THE WASHINGTON POST.

When the Free World Expands, So Should NATO

**OPINION** 

BRUSSELS - Doubts about the need for NATO in the absence of the palpable Soviet threat that caused it to arise may well endanger its future existence. In an election year, American politicians and the public appear to ignore its continued purpose and indispensability for the whole of the free world. NATO remains the most cost-effective means of guaranteeing security. And it now

The alternative is a reversion to national defense, suspicion

### and secret arms buildups.

has a chance to extend its protection and thereby its influence further East. The opportunity should not be missed.

Bitter fighting has crupted in Yugoslavia. The former Soviet Union is fragmenting, with some of the fragments more or less at war with each other. Not long ago, s serious crisis broke out in the Middle East which is not resolved; others, even more dangerous, remain serious possibilities. Beyond Iraq lies Iran, and beyond that volatile South Asia. The future direction of China cannot be predicted. And throughout the underdeveloped world, poverty and ignorance provide potential

### By Frederick Bonnart

forces to be exploited by unscrupulous leaders. There can surely be no dispute that armed force is essential for the security of the democracies. It is merely a matter of how much and in what form.

In fact, NATO's common integrated mili-tary structure is only a framework in peacetime which would enable its members' national military forces to operate together in war. In comparison with national defense spending, it costs very little.

Before the beginning of perestroika, in 1985, the member countries spent \$358.4 billion ou defense, or about 4.8 percent of gross domestic product. The European members, including France, spent about \$93 billion, or 3.3 percent of their GDP; the United States \$259 billion, or 6 percent. Common NATO costs are included in

these figures, but they are comparatively small. Total infrastructure costs since the program began in 1951 have amounted to about \$626 million a year. Operating costs for 1985 were about \$500 million; last year's figure was \$614 million. The Pentagon estimates NATO to cost it about 16 percent of its total budget. · It can be argued that even this is too much, and that the money would be better speni ou

**By James Chace** 

economic, managerial and bumanitarian aid as a means to achieve stability. Yet the new governments in Eastern and Central Europe, and those in the former Soviet Union, look to NATO as their security anchor. They wish to join the alliance as soon as possible, and have in the meantime grasped at the association offered them under the newly formed North Atlantic Cooperation Council.

The council came into being in December as an extension of the liaison arrangements with the former adversaries that had begun after the declared end of the Cold War at the London NATO summit in 1990. Its purpose is to provide reassurance by consultation, and assist change by instruction. A recent meeting was attended by representatives of 19 of those governments, sitting together with the 16 NATO foreign ministers. The newcomers made their desire for full membership clear.

That step cannot be taken today. None of the countries concerned is sufficiently stable. nor are their democratic systems sufficiently firm. And there can be no question of admitting new members that are likely to war against each other — although membership has certainly belped in the past to reduce the intensity of disputes among members, and may have prevented open hostilities.

But action needs to be taken soon to make this extension possible.

Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Poland are on the verge of associate membership of the European Community. If they become full members it would be hard to refuse to admit them to NATO. This process could continue gradually as the republics stabilize and democratize their political systems. As their anned forces become part of a common defense, it will be possible to reduce them and consequently, also those of the present members.

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The alternative is a reversion to national defense, unceasing mutual suspicion and secret arms buildups.

The nucleus of today's free world is formed by the United States and Europe, and NATO is its security arm. NATO is also the single institutional link between the United States and the West European countries. (The Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe is not an institution in this sense.) And whatever may be the hegemonistic fantasies of some Pentagon officials, NATO operates on a basis of partnership and consensus. By incorporat-ing the new democracies, it would become a mighty bulwark against the forces of superstition and prejudice that are the future danger.

The writer is editor of NATO's Sixteen Notions, an independent military journal published in Brussels. He contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

Look Here, the United States Isn't a Superpower Any Longer

N EW YORK - The United States is not a superpower. There are no more super-

powers, despite a new Pentagon document outlining a \$1.2 trillion strategy to prevent any other country from challenging U.S. primacy. If the Golf War proved anything, it was that one country cannot dominate the world. The war was paid for by allies of the United States, month by Germany and Inoran Superconsert mostly by Germany and Japan. Superpowers can afford to pay for their own wars; America cannot. It is in hock to foreigners for more than half a trillion dollars, mostly because of foreign boldings of U.S. real estate, government paper, commercial bonds and notes, and other assets. Without the \$54 billion in aid that the Bush administration received for the Gulf operation, the United States, with a budget deficit projected for 1992 of about \$400 billion, could not have afforded to mount such a the Pentagon intends to.

And America will not find it easy to lead a campaign against world disorder when it de-pends on allies who now read a Pentagon beids on anes who now read a Pentagon document stating that the aim is "to disconr-age them from challenging our leadership or seeking to overturn the established political and economic order." See if the Japanese and Germans are ready to popy up billions of. dollars to support that kind of policy.

The Pentagon's America-firsters ignore the economic dimension of foreign policy. They do not understand that it is more important. for the United States to cooperate with the other powers to ensure a healthy functioning of the world economy than to spend its ener-gies and funds unilaterally assuming the task of enforcing global peace and stability.

absence of any concern with ends and means. For a country which in a decade has gone from a creditor nation to the largest debtor nation, America should be especially wary about pur-

the world safe for democracy. If it tries to do so, it will end up betraying the concept of collective security that Franklin Roosevelt and Harry Truman saw as the cornerstone of U.S. security - the concept that was the foundation

of a successful Western alliance. The Bush administration is subordinating policy to politics in an election year. In George Bush's effort to inflate his image as a tough commander in chief, his Defense Department is seeking new enemies that require little or no change in Pentagon budgeting. These "enemies" happen to be allies — the same allies who paid for the Gulf War.

But what will be the price of the Pentagon's fantasy to ensure that "the world order is ultimately backed by the U.S."? Marion Donhoff, publisher of the German weekly Die Zeit, wrote prophetically in 1982: "One must fear that in 10 years the United States will indeed be militarily invulnerable, but that in the civil realm she will have become, to a

catastrophic degree, a backward nation." The collapse of the Soviet empire, the end of the struggle for ideological supremacy between Moscow and Washington, the absolute necessity to rethink U.S. military commitments and force structures - all this presents a signal occasion for embracing a

new internationalism. It would rest on the proposition that a

global balance of powers is coming into be-ing. Above all, it would require the United States to abandon the false idea of the "super-power," which had its origins in a Cold War. that is now history. Yet it would preclude an

American withdrawal inward. Ultimately, the success of the United States will lie in the quality of its society, not in a quixotic pursuit of superpower invulnerabil-ity. But in his re-election bid President Bush seems to be making a different calculation.

The writer, who teaches international rela-tions at Bard College, at Annandale-on-Hud-son, is author of the forthcoming book "The Consequences of the Peace." He contributed this comment to The New York Times.

In Fact, This Pentagon Paper Happens to Make Sense

cratic senators and The New York Times, which leaked this

With enemies like these one can assume that the Pentagon Paper is doing something right. In fact, it is. It starts with the fact that this is a one-superpower world, 11 proceeds on the assumption that for Americans, for their friends and for their values this is a good thing. It then offers a program for keeping things that way.

The program is not terribly new. Defense Secretary Dick Cheney has publicly testified as to how he intends to maintain American predominance. He proposes a radical reduction in U.S. defense spending to 3.4 percent of GNP by 1997 ---lower than before Pearl Harbor, hers than helf what Pratiduct John

Kennedy spent. But Mr. Chency is not prepared to cut beyond that ause it would jeopardize the core force necessary to maintain American predominance.

Why maintain predominance? To deter hostile powers (an Iran or a post-Yeltsin anti-Western Russia, for example) and - here is where the Pentagon Paper gets provocative - to prevent currently friendly powers from presenting new threats in the future.

The logic is simple. If America's allies believe that they can rely on American power, they will have no reason to turn themselves into military superpowers. If, on the other hand, the United States gives up its worldwide predominance, Germany and Japan, military midgets today, will quite reasonably seek to assure their own security by turnthemselves into military giants.

The alternative is Japanese car-riers patrolling the Strait of Malacca and a nuclear Germany dominating Europe. We Americans have had 40 years of competition with one heavily armed, nuclear superpower. Do we really want to devote the next 40 years to competition with two, three, many such countries - countries like Germany and Japan that have historically displayed far less pru-dence in their drive for begemony

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speed -- led by the most aggressive and ambitious dictatorships, followed by all When the Gulf War ended 14 months ago. the United Nations told Iraq it was going to have to give up its nuclear, chemical and those countries that have reason to suspect biological weapons. Since then Iraq's strateand fear them. Anyone who thinks the consegy has been to resist, prevaricate, keep testquences of this test of wills are limited to Iraq ing the Security Council and wait for it begin or the Gulf has misread it dangerously. to lose interest. In its latest provocation,

It is not only the Security Council's resolu-. tion that forbids lrag to reach out for these weapons. Regarding the most menacing of them, Iraq is a party to the Nuclear Nonproinferation Treaty, in which it promised not in

campaign. It is highly unlikely that it will receive support for similar foreign policy ad-ventures, certainly not to police the world as

In the Pentagon's analysis, there is a striking

**By Charles Krauthammer** WASHINGTON - When an administration meets the legal definition for brain death,

newest "Pentagon Faper." one should be grateful if some part of the government still man-ages a thoughtful articulation of American purpose. Indeed, a "vi-sion thing" document addressing America's role in the post-Cold War world has emerged.

It comes not from the White House, not from the State Department (its policy planning staff is too busy studying aerial photographs of garden apartment construction at Maale Adumim), but from the Pentagon, Naturally enough, the document has come under anonymous attack from the White House and the State Department, and open attack from the more usual suspects: Demo-

than even Stalin's Russia? The Pentagon Paper asks the simple question: To whom entrust the security of our children? To Butros Butros Ghali? The chancel-leries of Bonn and Tokyo? The correct answer is: The president of the United States. If the cost of that choice is 3.4 percent of GNP. it's the bargain of the century.

Labor on the Ropes: Helmut Kohl Should Run for President

esent. It unsists, h said, on its right to develop them in the future. Ominously, he declined to say whether UN inspectors would be allowed to continue their work in Iraq without interference.

Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz told The

Washington Post that his country considers

itself committed only to giving up whatever

The substance of that threat will soon be clear, since the inspectors are to return to Iraq within weeks. The Iraqis' pattern until now has been to test the Security Council repeatedly but then to back off.

If the Security Council ultimately succeeds in carrying out its resolution of last April and stripping Iraq of these massively destructive weapons, it will have shown the world that its rules are enforceable and reliable. If not, a new kind of arms race will rapidly gather

that treaty and the UN inspection system that it established, Iraq secretly came very close to developing a nuclear warhead as well as the missiles to deliver it. Iraq has demonstrated that this previous system was grossly inadequate. That is why the Security Council's enforcement of its Iraq resolution is now crucial for the control of nuclear arms worldwide. Depending on the Security Council's skill and determination in dealing with Iraq, the world will emerge either with much stronger and more trustworthy restraints on nuclear weapons or with no restraints at all. -THE WASHINGTON POST.

**Clinton Isn't There Yet** 

**More Than Just Iraq** 

Even as voters trooped to the polls on and more to their strengths. Mr. Busb could stop pandering to Mr. Buchanan and start hammer at his character and raise sharp questions about his ability to win a general election. When the day was done, however, the voters of Michugan and Illinois had invited a different question: How much longer can Paul Tsongas and Jerry Brown survive as credible candidates?

The message from the Midwest is this: Barring illness or scandal, Americans are likely to be choosing between George Bush and Bill Clinton in November. Mr. Clinton achieved impressive margins and is nearing the halfway point to the 2.145 delegates needed to win the nomination. Mr. Bush scored decisive triumphs over Patrick Buchanan, who failed to achieve the 30 percent to which he had grown accustomed.

Mr. Brown and Mr. Tsongas have vowed to chase Mr. Clinton all the way to California. They may need a miracle along the road. Mr. Tsongas finished third in Michigan, while Mr. Brown fared miserably in Illinois. Mr. Clinton continued to score impressively among both blacks and bluecollar whites, suggesting a capacity to transcend racial division and build coalitions. It is tempting to suggest that this is the right moment for the two front-runners to

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begin devoting less energy to their opponents

acting like a leader; Mr. Clinton could press further with his coalition building and his pragmatic discussion of the issues. That may be easier for Mr. Bush than for Mr. Clinton, who now has not only Mr. Tsongas but also a newly inspired Mr. Brown vapping at his heels. On Sunday Mr. Clinton and Mr. Brown began behaving like brawling schoolboys. The drop in the civility level was most-Mr. Brown's doing. The man once known Governor Moonoeam turned into Mr. Meanbeam. He charged, without much evidence, that Mr. Clinton had funneled state business to his wife's law firm. Mr. Clinton rose upgoily to her defense, and next day

gloated over his verbal knockout. Mr. Brown was more successful in Michigan, where he portrayed his opponents as captives of big ousiness and as free-traders who would export jobs abroad. This produced a surprisingly robust showing for him. But Michigan workers are uniquely battered, bitter and vulnerable to protectionist themes. The campaign now shifts back to the Northeast, to Connecticut and New York. It is the one region where Mr. Clinton has not done well. So let the debate continue but on the high road where it started. - THE NEW YORK TIMES.

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develop or acquire nuclear weapons. Under HICAGO - In 1992 in Ameri-Ca, people talk about labor the way they used to talk about the bomeless or the poor. Despite their pro-union claims as they campaigned n Illinois and Michigan, there is no labor candidate. Paul Tsongas seems to run as a Republican. Jerry Brown, who is pro-union at least, seems to be running as a third-party candidate. This leaves, by default, Bill Clinton, a man from a right-to-work state, head-

ing up what ought to be a labor party. Of course labor is not an election issue. I am a labor lawyer, and I don't even expect it. In the United States, our unions don't even ask to organize the unorganized, the almost 90 percent or so of the private-sector workers who are not in unions at all. We are just asking for the anti-scab bill: We just beg to keep the little sliver that's left.

# You Don't Have to Be Racist If You Voted for Buchanan

#### By William F. Buckley Jr.

PARIS - On the question ments to be critical to the question at hand: Had Mr. Bush tost the an, given that he has said irresponsible things about minorities, Jews and Israel?" there are those who answer, "Do not vote for him, because if you do you are encouraging racism and anti-Semitism and

your own integrity is forfeit." The avatar of the latter position is A. M. Rosenthal, the New York Times columnist who three times now has publicly castigated me for having said before the New Hampshire primary that were I a resident of that state I would vote for Pat Buchanan in order to communicate to George Busb the depth of my dissatisfaction with some of his policies. At the same time I recorded that if the vote in New Hampshire

were for the next president of the United States, I would vote for Mr. Bush, not for Mr. Buchanan. Mr. Rosenthal reacts as if I (and others like me) had made a covert deal with the Ku Khux Klan. "They" - everyone who failed to reject Mr. Buchanan in appropriate terms — "had better learn damned quick before they hear the bell tolling too close to their ears.") He is Rosenthal-mad not only at me but at every columnist who declined to make Mr. Buchanan's statements about the Gulf War and Israel the center of their concern in New Hampshire; mad at all the Democratic candidates, none of whom held Mr. Buchanan's stateBy Thomas Geoghegan

out being fired. Not as a matter of

"human rights," as in Poland in 1980,

but as an economic recovery program. I know, it sounds so primitive. Yet

back in the 1930s that is mostly what

the U.S. government did. It did not

cut taxes, it pushed up wages. By giving people the right to bargain, America let the middle class go out

and cut itself a deal. There was an

explosion of organizing that kept go-ing, building, through World War II.

spending that ended the Depres-

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ing under Ronald Reagan, too. Why after that war was there so much

at hand: Had Mr. Bush tost the

confidence of many of those who voted for him four years ago? De-

rivatively, Mr. Rosenthal is mad at

37 percent of the voters in New

Hampshire and Georgia. He does have this problem, namely that there are not 15 Bu-

chanan voters in either state who

understand themselves to be saying

anything at all ou the subject of

anti-Semitism. The people who vot-

ed for Bill Clinton did not under-

stand themselves to be underwriting

adultery; the people who voted for

George Bush did not understand

themselves to be endorsing go-slow

policies on Ukraine, the Baltics and

Boris Yeltsin. The people of New

Hampshire were asserting them-selves not on the issues that Abe

Rosenthal sits home stewing about.

To reiterate my finding in the extensive analysis I published last December: "I find it impossible to

defend Pat Buchanan against the

charge that what be said during the

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And it was not just the military

pent-up demand, while after the Cold War there seems to be none? bope as a country? To let people join unions? I mean freely and fairly, with-

Answer: People were in unions. We cannot even imagine what the late 1940s were like. There were not just labor reporters - we had, no kidding, labor columnists. We were unionized wall to wall. It was almost, well, like Germany today.

I exaggerate a bit. America had about 34 to 35 percent of its work force in unions. The Germans today have about 40 percent. And that 40 percent negotiates wages and the inimum standards that cover about 90 percent of German workers.

But back then we Americans were almost as unionized. Our middle class went out and created, as if in Genesis, the pension and health funds and high wages that held up, for 40 years, our whole heavenly American way of life.

Then came the union-busting, the 1970s, the 1980s. And we live now in a union-free economy. Our companies can get lean. And leaner. And we are so lean that the whole economy is anorexic. Flat or falling wages. No one can afford to buy anything.

So aren't there more jobs, as the Reaganites brag? Oh yes, all through the 1980s: jobs, jobs, jobs. Most of them, so far as I can tell, are now for children - low-wage, retail-sector jobs. Yet in a country of cheap labor - no unions - that is where investment quite sensibly tends to flow. More into Hyatts than high-tech.

Already tonight, as we go to sleep, there will be high school kids working like little elves, past midnight, in all our McDonald's and supermarkets. And this is a school night. But bow else, in the Bush era, can we keep our median family income from falling? As our president might say: Our American economy ... it's going to be a "family thing.

What do the Democrats offer? Well, investment tax credits. My God. after the 1980s it would seem business would be gagging on tax credits, Tsongas-type remedies. Oh, I know: Wa dan't target 't precisity right. These supply-side guys, they never give up, do they? There is always some excuse why it doesn't work. Or maybe it's just that Tsonganomics, like Mr. Tsongas himself. will always be a bit too good for this world.

But most Democrats, like Mr. Clinton, seek tax cuts for the middle class. That is what we have now instead of collective bargaining. Every year a new debale, and a new crisis, over cutting taxes. As if these little annual cuts can make up for annually falling wages. We now try to do in Congress what we used to do, discreetly and out of sight, in private bargaining between labor and man-agement. The result is crisis, government paralysis, just as they tell you in Federalist No. 10. What is left? Fiscal policy? But we

are bankrupt. And thanks to Ronald we have 50 states with their own huge budgets now. Coordinating all this would be like some Boris Yeltsin nightmare. Monetary policy? The Fed can't give the stuff away.

So it seems to me we have no choice. It's labor law reform. That is all we have got left. Here are three arguments for bringing unions back: First, it is what business really needs: a market, a middle class with money, as in 1946. But the CEOs can't just give the money away, like characters in some Tolstoy novel. In fact. unions are saving us now -

European unions. If Germany had America's lahor policies, Americans would be in a depression. Second, unionism all by itself is an

industrial policy. It changes the country's way of investing: more capitalintensive, less labor-intensive. But, the Reaganites, say, won't yon iose jobs, jobs, jobs? Well, maybe we could retire some of our high school kids.

Third, unions mean that companies are better managed (as they were before the Reagan era). At least there is a chance for truth-telling. Now, to manage well, you have to pretend that a union is in there.

What about work rules? Really, this is such garbage. In most contracts I know there are basically two work rules: protectiou from unfair firings and layoff by seniority. In Germany those are statutory rights, with labor courts to enforce them,

Don't like other work rules? Fine.

let's get rid of them. And instead of work rules let's have works councils, as in Germany, made up of an equal number of workers and managers. The Germans don't have work rules, as we do. They let the workers, or at least the works councils, run the plants. This should assuage the Reaganites. Then we would catch up to the new European idea, which is simply the current German one: not just high wages but even a bit of worker control, in a relaxed, placid, 21st century way.

Once Marx wrote: A specter is haunting Europe, and the specter is communism. Now perhaps a specter is haunting capitalism, Americanstyle, and the specter is Europe. What should a Democratic voter

do? On Tuesday, I kept thinking of Helmut Kohl, the right-wing German chancellor, arguing in December at the European Community meeting in Maastricht for (no kidding) "a charter of labor rights." The story was not clearly reported in America. How could it be? What American reader would have understood it?

Anyway, on my ballot, I was thinking of just writing in "Helmut Kohl." of course, be wouldn't accept: He would beg off, saying be was in some budget fight with the Bundestag. Yet I dream of him in New York accepting the nomination and saying: "If I am elected, it will be like Germany — we'll be unionized wall to wall " we'll be unionized wall 10 wall."

The writer is outhor of "Which Side Are You On: Trying to Be for Labor When It's Flai on Its Back." He contributed this comment to The New York Times.

## IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

#### 1892: Strife in Berlin

BERLIN - During the morning and afternoon [of March 18] the demonstrations in memory of the Revolu-tionists of 1848 passed off without any serious incident. Collisions between the Socialists and the police occurred here and there, but none was of a grave character. In the evening, however, matters became much more serious. At the hour of telegraphing - 10.30 p.m. --- demonstra-tions are being held in several quarters of the city. and several fierce encounters between the police and the crowds are reported. In Strassburgerstrasse the police have charged a crowd of about two thousand persons, and fourteen cases of severe mjury are signalized.

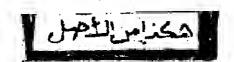
### 1917: Change in Russia

PETROGRAD --- News received during the night [of March 18] gives ground to the belief that the whole of Russia has adhered to the new regime.

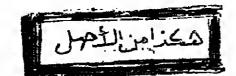
The garrison of Viborg has railied to the Provisional Government. The normal life of the city has been almost entirely resumed. The Tsar's abdication was received at three o'clock in the morning. All the Ministers went to the Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovich's palace, where the Grand Duke made known his decision + garding his acceptation of the throne.

## 1942: 'War Relocation'

WASHINGTON - [From our New York edition:] President Roosevelt established today [March 18] a "War Relocation Authority," which will have charge of a program for the relocation and employment of those persons the instruction of distance areas. These people will be given an opportunity to calist for the duration of the war in a "war relocation work corps." They would perform work essential to the war effort. White House officials said, but not of a type which would provide any opportunity for sabotage.



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# **OPINION**

# France's Florentine Gets Dangerous

PARIS - François Minterrand has been called "the Florentine" because of the subtlety of his political perceptions and the deviousness of his maneuvers; and, one must add, for his ruthlessness. which now appears to extend to a willing-ness to weaken the Fifth Republic itself for the sake of personal ambition.

His is a contradictory record with respect to the Fifth Republic's constitution, which was written and adopted under Charles de Gaulle. He first called it a mere subterfuge by which General de Gaulle was discarding "the last ob-stacles to his march toward absolutism." He wrote in 1964 that the French people had before them "simply a monarch, surrounded by his domestic servants; we bave come to that." The Fifth Republic, Mr. Mitterrand said, was a "permanent coup d'état." However, President de Gaulle renounced power the moment the public indicated (in a referenchim in 1969, on an unimportant issue) that they Twelve years later, Mr. Mitterrand was elected president of de Gaulle's re-

A set of the set of the second sec Vito: Siter TO: Suteri Suteri Suteri Suteri Suteri public - and did oothing to limit the powers of presideotial office he previously had condemned. He reveled in those powers, and in the years after 1981 r Any Longer he persooalized national decision-making to an even greater degree than had been the case under General de Gaulle. Time wears on politicians and their power, however, and Mr. Mitterrand, La recorde de les the free the line the second of the main of the main the second of the main of now in the fourth year of his second seven-year term, has fallen to his nadir of public sympathy (only 35 percent express confidence in him, according to the latest opinioo polls). He faces re-Section of the United St. gional elections later this month, and legislative elections a year from oow. By every present evidence his Socialist Par-

election meetings, and this sometimes

allow National Froot rallies on public

premises. Some Le Pen meetings have

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the Unit of the Un ty will lose both by crushing margins. He has made two responses to this, The first has been to order his Socialist the second s followers to direct their current regionand the second sec al elections campaign solely against the righust National Front leader Jean-Marie Le Pen. The Socialists, directly He work or indirectly, have called people into the streets to block National Front

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beeo banned by the government on the pretext that they jeopardized public or-der. There have been suggestions that the National Front be outlawed. The second second Strands Strands which actually concerns local issues into 1. 1. P. C. a national referendum for or against Mr. a habonal reference on the for or against Mr. Le Pen, in which Mr. Mitterrand's "presidential majority," led by the So-calists, presents itself as the sole alter-native to the allegedly fascist National Front. The conservative parties that are Mr. Mitterrand's real opponents are supposed to be sourcezed out by this Le Pen and promotes the National Front as o force much more important than it actually is. (In the same national s i za Twiji Sin Singera 4. 1. 2.1

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**By William Pfaff** 

percent — and 80 percent disapproval.) President Mitterrand has indirectly promoted the National Front for many years through election eve statements about votes for immigrants or relaxed immigration rules, designed to send frightened conservative voters into the overthy anti-immigration Le Pen camp, thus weakening the legitimate conservatives. It is clever, in a brutal way, but it also is dangerous. Mr. Le Pen now is the most prominent rightist figure in Eu-rope, and for this he can chiefly thank Mr. Mitterrand. The two have suited one another very well.

The president's second maneuver has yet to take place but is being pressed upon the Socialist Party's leaders — oot all of whom are pleased by what is contemplated. Mr. Mitterrand wants to install proportional representation for the next legislative election, in 1993. This is the only way be sees to keep the conservative opposition from dominat-ing the National Assembly. Full proportional representation, oo

present computer simulations, would bring so many National Front and ecologist deputies ioto the National Assembly that the democratic right would be able to form a majority only hy allying themselves with the National Front. Mr. Mitterrand, on the other hand, could reasonably expect to dominate the Assembly on most issues by means of shift-

ing majorities drawn from Socialists, Communists, greens and centrists. For all practical purposes, this means recreating those Third and Fourth Rebublic conditions of parliamentary in-trigue and weak and short-lived govern-ments which the French repudiated under General de Gaulle hy adopting the Fifth Republic constitution. There are things to be said in favor of

limited proportional representation, but it is a system which makes strong govern-ment impossible. It also is difficult to get rid of once installed. The small parties that can dominate coalitions by throwing their votes from one side to the other cannot be expected to vote themselves back into obscurity. The political malaise in Israel today, where minuscale extremist parties decide the outcome of great national debates, is the direct result of its system of proportional representation. "Après nous le déluge" was the remark of Madame de Pompadour, Louis XV's mistress. It was an intelligent woman's

prophetic observation of what was to come - and did come in the Revolution of 1789; but it was not a statement of monarchical policy. For Mr. Mitterrand, it seems to be policy. He has used de Gaulle's republic, and now that it has served him he will discard it. Those who follow must cope with the consequences. It is a distressing end for a man of real qualities, who once believed he could surpass Charles de Gaulle.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Azerbaijan and Armenia

Unfortunately, world public opinion has calmly accepted the massacres per-petrated by Armenians in the area of Karabakh. It is impossible to understand why European buman rights groups remain silent. Do the bonds of Christianity transcend simple humanity and the values of Western civilization? The fact that Armenians live in the

middle of Azerbaijan only shows the leniency and tolerance of traditional Azerbaijani policy, from which the Azeris do oot intend to depart. But there is only one name to describe

the Armenian attacks on Azeri towns and villages, with the indiscriminate killing of elders and children: barbarity,

Dr. CERGIZ OKTAY. Faculty of Dentistry, University of Marmara. Istanbul.

Regarding "A Town Forsaken: The Killing Ground in Karabakh" (Mean-while, March 11) by Thomas Goltz:

The writer describes the unfortunate fate of the Azeri population of the town of Khojaly that was attacked by the Armenians. However, Mr. Goltz him-self says that Khojaly was "first estabtactic, which gives vast publicity to Mr. lished as a service center" for the airpoll in which Mr. Mitterrand has only 35 port of Stepanakert, the capital of giant water reservoir between Beershe-percent approval, Mr. Le Pen has 12 Nagorno-Karabakh. Since November ba and the Mediterranean will recover on the international community to ad-

1991 this airport area has been constantly shelled by the Azeris. The Armenians there have been virtually under a blockade, with oo food and no medication for the numerous wounded. SONIA MEGHREBLIAN. Ivry-sur-Scine, France.

#### Israel and the Desert

In response to "Living With the Desers, to Make It Live Again" (Mean-while, March 4) by Tom Wolf:

In Israel, a small country that is half desert, the fight against descritification is vital, I say this as president of the Befgian branch of the Jewish National Fund, the oldest ecological movement in the world, founded in 1901.

The Israelis consider the fight against description, together with the water problem, as their first priority, way ahead of their differences with the Arabs. The struggle is one of buman genius and willpower. Large stretches of the Negev desert have already changed color from yellow, gray and brown to green. Dozens of experiments are made every year to conquer the desert.

Cities and villages are being built in the desert and are very quickly encircled by man-made parks and forests. A



dress their simation. With the advent of a Middle East peace process, let us hope that it will result in restoring to all Palestinians their legal and human rights.

MARIE PECK. Amman Jordan.

#### Mussolini and the Jews

Regarding "Remembering Mussolini" (Letters, March 11) from Siefano Rizzo: Let us not praise Mussolini but likewise let us oot distort history. Mussolini was oo anti-Semite, oor was this concept any part of Italian Fascism, Only in 1938, after 16 years of Fascism, were the first anti-Jewish laws passed, and then only under pressure from the Nazis. As Lucy Dawidowicz, a renowned Jewish historian, wrote: "The Italians remained unresponsive to German demands to deport Jews," whose "situation was enviable compared to those who lived un-

the German occupation in September, Jews were deported and murdered, but by the Nazis. It is worth recalling a comment by Mussolini to an inquirer who asked him about the Jewish problem. He replied, "We have no Jewish problem; anti-Semitism is a German disease.

# Out to the Winter Woods **To Find Happy Russians**

MOSCOW — In this grim era there of it at least, is surprisingly beautiful. It of whom crafted them by hand. The complicated knots. On that morning, after a thick snow-

cent afternoon as I drove along the Mos-

fall, we arrived bursting with gear that still had price tags on it. My husband and I and our 6-year-old daughter emerged from the car with our posh cross-country skiing kits and our down-filled suite Grouter mittees and courter filled suits, Gore-tex mittens and special pocket candies for hypothermia. Down a village road, past the place where the goats graze in summer, we started our trail. In summer this trail begins at a junk heap, a pile of rusted car parts and broken plastic tubing. In winter the junk heap becomes an ice sculpture.

skis are strapped on with laces tied in

On the trail, the Russians were quiet and contained. There is no real camaraderie with other skiers, perbaps as people enjoy rare moments of privacy in this

At one point, when I was moving too fast for a tiny hill, I fell into the snow and crawled off the trail just in time to make room for a tall woman who came whizzing silently past. About 50, she wore old clothing and had very long wooden skis; her poles looked like handcarved wooden canes. Her mouth was open in a half-smile and ber head moved from side to side as she took in the birch and fir woodlands around her. She was not merely happy: she was ecstatic. I realized that it was the first time in

my year here that I had seen this look oo a Russian face in pubbe. Russians keep their street faces under control, except acceptable and understandable. Smiles are still suspect. Americans who grin at other people automatically are viewed as

insincere, smarmy or simply foolish. But this woman was openly express ing what we all felt that day as we soaked up the sunshine and snow, exulted in the silence and the clean forest smell. For all of us, it was an afternoon when beauty-starved eyes were momen-tarily satisfied. Our daughter, Vietoria, when told she had to stop skiing after almost two hours, dropped to her knees and protested. "I wish spring would never come," she said, speaking at that moment for everybody in the woods. Sometimes I fear we are so husy documenting the troubles of this struggling. country that we are surprised when peo-

ple are not miserable. The Washington Post.

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Antwerp. Exactly, a Palestinian Regarding "'Not Exactly a Citizen," Exactly" (Opinion, March 2): Many thanks to Anthony Lewis for exposing one aspect of the Israeli occupation. When Khalil Ibrahim Shikaki's American colleagues questiooed the Is-

raeli authorities about preventing him from returning to his home in Nablus, they were told that be was "not exactly a citizen." What Mr. Shikaki is, exactly, is a Palestinian. There are about 2 million more, just like him, living under Israeli occupation. Most are without legal or

indiscriminate measures by the Israeli occupation officials. Unlike Mr. Shikaki, most are without influential friends and have had to rely

By Eleanor Randolph

is as if the dirty streets, polluted sky and hard ugly life served as a backdrop, intensifying anything that brings plea-sure, however briefly. One of those moments came on a re-

cow River. I had chosen what I call the "semi-nice" route. Instead of a shorter

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trip behind rows of trucks, whose exhausts are unregulated and whose pollu-tion leaves a bitter metallic taste in the mouth, I took the longer route along the river, where only one factory distorts the landscape and sullies the atmosphere. Across the river from this route is the

Novodevichy monastery, set against a lake with a small colony of swans. On most winter days this serene place is obscured by a layer of ashen cloud that sucks all color out of the sky, the pastel

buildings, even children's faces. On the Novodevichy spires are the Russian Orthodox crosses, and they were lit, as if by firelight. It was only as I stared that I realized why. The crosses on top of Russian Orthodox churches are often placed so that at dusk they can catch the last rays of sunlight. These were doing their ancient job this evening, adding a few precious moments of light to this dark, gray city. While the television news captures

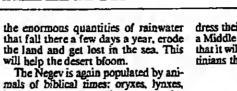
only the depressing, telling this week's stories of people eating dogs and cats sold by street vendors, it misses the other side of the story. To balance oews about poor, unhap-

py people, clips are shown of Russia's iny oew class of rich people. But the news misses the happy people. And what is lost is an understanding of the country that makes those who move to

America, where they can buy 25 brands of toothpaste, yearn for Mother Russia where most people still make their own. A trip to the hill outside Moscow State University last week offered a clue. Three young persons commandeered a piece of concrete as a picnie table, where they langhed over a bottle of sweet spar-kling wine and a bag of MeDonald's hamburgers. A group of children were sliding down a huge, rather frightening toboggan track, using makeshift sleds fashioned from pieces of cardboard or

plastic left by tourists. On another wintry Saturday, our family followed the crowd of cars out to the countryside to ski. Unlike in most of America, where a ski trip may cost a year's savings, skiing here on a nice winter day is little different from taking o walk oo a nice summer morning.

"Skiing" to this country generally means cross-country skiing. Instead of molded high-tech boots, Russians wear street shoes. Instead of silver and ma-



leopards, wild mountain goats, eagles

and more. If the 21st century is going to he livable, the example of Israel should

be followed. Time is running short.

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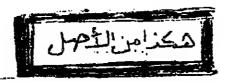
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# Ser a Source heat INTERNATIONAL MANAGER **Prague Streetcar Maker Wooing Western Ideas**

#### By Peter Passell New York Times Service

RAGUE - The tableau might have been reconstructed from some Depression-era photo essay on the collapse of an industrial heartland. A handful of ill-clad workmen kneel amid untidy piles of parts, dabbing primer on streetcar undercarriages with what look like ordinary household paint brushes. Others lounge uncomfortably against idle machinery in the unheated shed, as if waiting for orders they do not expect to come,

"This factory," the senior executive of CKD Tatra Ltd. explained with more than a trace of irony, "has produced 24,000 tram cars since 1948 -- more than any other in the world."

Like most large state enterprises in Czechoslovakia, CKD Tatra has been devastated by the loss of its protected East Like many bloc market and, in particular,

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hy the decline in trade with the former Soviet Union. Czechoslovakia's industrial production has fallen by about 30 percent since the 1989 revolution, and is not expected to bottom out until the end of this year.

But the news is not all bad: Like many other Czechoslovak enterprises, CKD Tatra has more to offer than meets the eye. And it thus has a fighting chance to attain its most cherished desire: a Western partner with a little money, a little technology and a lot of marketing skills.

Founded by the Baron Frantisek Ringhoffer in 1852, the company was the first in central Europe to manufacture railroad rolling stock. During its first century, Tatra huilt everything from a private parlor car for the Queen of Romania to mass transit for the city of Rome.

But it only became an enterprise Stalin could be proud of in the late 1940s, when it and every other Czechoslovak husiness was seized on behalf of The Masses.

S PART of the huge CKD industrial holding company A Tatra was assigned the task of making most and streetcars used in the Communist world. Its type T3 tram, a stender vehicle able to negotiate the narrow streets of older urban cores, has long been a familiar sight from Lvov to Brno.

Production costs never meant much, noted the CKD Taira official who, perhaps out of old habits, insisted on remaining anonymous.

But quality apparently did matter, if only to the pride of Czechoslovak engineers. The finish and comfort of the streetcars' interiors would be "unacceptable in the West," the company official conceded. But Tatra trams were sturdy enough to survive decades of pounding on the notoriously misaligned tracks of Soviet cities. And they were apparently simple enough to be maintained by mechanics who lacked both sophisticated tools and incentives to care.

Since January 1991, however, Tatra's customers have been required to pay in hard currency.

Annual sales, which had peaked in the 1980s at around 1,800 vehicles, have fallen to just 300. The largest remaining customer is North Korea, which last year bought 153 trolleys in an elaborate three-corner barter deal.

Why, then, are the German conglomerate AEG and Alcatel Alsthom of France courting CKD Tatra? For one thing, the company does own a modern plant in a suburb of Prague that could probably be adapted to meet expected growth in Western demand. Trolleys may not be high on Eastern Europe's shopping list, but rechristened "light rail," streetcars seem to be just what the environmental doctors ordered for pollnted Western cities.

For another, there may be gold in the ancient Tatra factory ---or at least in the site. The old plant occupies acres of prime real

estate two subway stops from Wenceslaus Square. But like many other Czechoslovak enterprises, CKD Tatra's

U.S.-EC **Farm Pact On Track Officials Dismiss** 

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**Oilseed Ruling** 

By Tom Redburn International Herald Tribune PARIS --- The European Community and the United States were still on track Wednesday for a farm compromise critical to the completion of the Uruguay Round of global trade talks, despite a ruling against the Community in a long-standing dispute with Washington over subsidies for oilseeds.

Following closely guarded bar-gaining between EC and U.S. nego-tiators over the past few weeks, Chancellor Helmut Kohi of Germany plans to present to President George Bush at Camp David this weekend a proposal designed to open the door to a trade deal. The Community is prepared to cut grain exports if Washington agrees not to increase its exports of cereal subsultutes to the Community. The German government spokesman, Dieter Vogel, said that

Mr. Kohl, "with full agreement" from President François Mitterrand of France and the president of the EC Commission, Jacques De-lors, "made it clear that be expected a compromise from the United States."

The proposal, aimed at breaking the logiam that for years has blocked the talks on overhauling the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, comes as both the Unit-ed States and Europe are showing a renewed determination to complete

the negotiations. Last week, James A. Baker 3d, the U.S. secretary of State, said Washington was willing to compromise on a plan that would allow the Community to introduce direct payments to farmers as part of a

major overhaul of the Common Agriculture Policy, designed to slash Europe's farm subsidies. Nonetheless, plenty of hard har-gaining remains. U.S. farm interests oppose any compromise that might limit their potential exports to Europe. But EC officials con-

tend they need assurances from the United States that the much more efficient farmers from North America and other major grain ex-porters will not overwhelm European producers if they agree to relax controls. That is the only way to win France's support for an agreement, diplomats maintain.

At the same time, European trade officials have been pointing out to their U.S. counterparts that Western Europe must make room for future farm imports from East-

# Life After Federal Express

### European Couriers Hope for an End to Price-Cutting

By Charles Goldsmith International Herald Tribune BRUSSELS --- The decision by Federal Express

in Europe, specialists said, the U.S. company of-

fered certain services at a loss, which tended to

and Luxembourg, "and hopefully the price-cutting

will now stop." "Prices will stabilize for the time being and

hopefully will go up, because nobody can maintain such a large fleet of aircraft without getting the

TNT Express Worldwide, a subsidiary of the

Australia-based TNT Ltd. transportation firm, an-

nounced Wednesday a linkup with the national postal services of Germany, France, the Nether-

lands, Sweden and Canada. A new parcel-delivery

company will be formed, based in Amsterdam,

called Global Delivery Express Worldwide.

though the participants will continue to operate in

their own names for the time being. The European market leader, DHL Worldwide

Express, expects "some of the price extremes" to

be eliminated by Federal Express's withdrawal

from the intra-European market on May 4, said Greg Swienton, DHL executive director for Eu-

There has been an attempt, certainly by Feder-

prices we need," be said.

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francs and 4,725 francs; TNT, 2,250 francs and 4,700 francs. Executives of rival firms said Federal Express Corp. to end its intra-European service is likely to lead to higher prices for express mail as other courier companies locus on quality rather than volume, industry officials said Wednesday. In a failed bid to establish a sizable market share often offered corporate discounts in Europe of up to 50 percent to attract new business and that the industry would learn from the unhappy European experience of the Memphis, Tennessee-based cou-

tier service "We will not go after volume at any price," said Mr. Swienton of DHL. "We are going to have a price level that matches the kind of service we seek tamp down prices throughout the industry. "The competitive battle will go on with fewer players," said 100 Radelet, chief executive of TNT to provide, and if some clients feel that they don't want that quality of service, they will go somewhere else. Express Worldwide in Belgium, the Netherlands

Mr. Radelet, the TNT executive, said: "People tried to build up market share by thinking in the American way, but this is Europe. In America, there are no borders, and one language and one currency, so there is no paperwork and customs clearance like here in Europe." The single European Community market after

1992 will eliminate most border controls, and express-mail companies are anxiously awaiting the EC Commission's plan to open up national postal monopolies.

A commission "green paper," due next month, is expected to allow member states to maintain exclusive national service on letters but to require robust competition for parcel deliveries. The Association of European Express Carriers has long complained that EC governments impose onerous paperwork and customs rules on private courier companies to favor their national postal services. "We just want a level playing field," an industry official said, "and then let the marketplace deter-

mine who wins."

al Express, to get volume for volume's sake in order to cover fixed expenses," he said. With a single European market, industry offi-cials expect the demand for express services to For deliveries from Brussels to Frankfurt, the increase as much as 20 percent annually in coming following basic prices were quoted over the tele-phone on Wednesday: Federal Express, 1,150 Bel-

years. "It's already clear that there are fewer ware-bouses and fewer distribution points," Mr. Swiengian francs (\$33) for a letter and 3,570 francs for a 20 kilogram (44 pound) package; United Parcel Service, 990 francs and 3.420 francs; DHL, 1.350

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# Honda Shaken as Executive Resigns

By David E. Sanger

New York Times Service TOKYO - Honda Motor Co., already struggling to recover from sales slumps in the United States and Japan, was thrown into disarray Wednesday by the sudden resignation of one of its most vital executives, for health reasons.

The executive, Shoichiro Irima-jiri, was the chief architect of Honda's U.S. manufacturing operations in the 1980s and was credited

into one of Japan's biggest overseas manufacturing success stories.

ered the most likely candidate to

become Honda's next president, Mr. Irimajiri was at the center of a broad effort in the past year to restructure Honda to attempt to with turning Honda of America recapture the distinctive styling Irimajiri was being hospitalized.

and phenomenal growth that made it America's No. 3 automaker, "Of all of the executives at the company, Irimajiri-san is the one that the company needs the most," a senior Honda executive said. The whole headquarters is in shock."

told his colleagues that "he is in a state of such physical and mental exhaustion that he is unable to continue his work." A company spokesman, Shin Tanaka, said Mr.

vices" needed by the East. The Bundesbank said that transfers from West to East totaled 140 billion Deutsche marks (\$84.5 hillion) last year, or 5.5 percent of gross domestic product in Western Germany, and that they would like-

ly rise this year to 180 billion DM, Honda said Mr. Irimajiri had by 6.5 percent. The ruling coalition had scoffed

at warnings hy the opposition So-cial Democrats in the 1990 elections that the bill might even be as much as 100 billion DM a year. But economists and government offi-

Warns Bonn to **Curb Spending** Bv Richard E. Smith cials have been steadily ratcheting ernational Herald Tribune up their projections ever since. With the bill for reunification

FRANKFURT - The Bundesbank gives a stern warning to the surging relentlessly, Mr. Kohi had,

said it was sure to include some tough talk on the effects of heavy

state spending over the first two years of reunification.

cil meetings, which are held twice a

month. A spokesman said the

chancellor's visit bad been planned

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German government in a report for release Thursday, urging it to either cut back spending, especially in Eastern Germany, or possibly be income and a series of consumerforced to raise taxes again. levies. The warning, in the bank's Finance Minister Theo Waigel

monthly economic report, coin-cides with Chancellor Helmnt said this year that no new tax in-, creases were planned to pay for-Kohl's scheduled visit to a Bundes- reunification. Thursday's report warned that a dangerously high share of transfersbank council meeting on Thursday, the first be has attended in nearly

four years. The Bundesbank did not disclose to Eastern Germany was going intoconsumption, rather than to investthe meeting's agenda but sources ment.

A total of 60 billion DM lastyear, and as much as 85 billion DM this year, will make its way to private bouseholds, meaning that the West financed one-third of conchancellor to attend any of the cen-tral bank's decision-making coun-share will rise to 40 percent in 1992. Those funds gave Eastern Germans the means for a spending spree totaling 360 billion DM last year - nearly twice the area's gross

for some time. In its report, the Bundesbank domestic product. At the same time, the Bundes, provided new figures and estimates of spending that underscored Eastbank predicted that "a powerfulern Germany's paltry contribution expansion" of public as well as private investment was likely to occur so far to its renewal.

Eastern Germany contributed in Eastern Germany this year. Investment bas trailed consumption partly because the field was not yet overall tax receipts last year, al-though it makes up 20 percent of the planning and realization of The planning and realization of

As a result, the report said that public construction requires some Western Germany had had to come time," the report said, referring to up with the resources for "by far the largest share of the public serone of the major uses of public funds.

The Bundesbank also tallied the funds that have come from the Enropean Community and found that the contribution was considerably smaller than had often been suspected. Eastern Germany itself received roughly 3.5 billion DM in EC funds in 1991, but Germany's overall contribution to the Community in the wake of its enlargement rose to 2.5 billion DM, leav-ing a net contribution by the EC of.

billion DM. The report said the EC transfers were likely to be similar this year.

# **GM Europe: Will Success Story Translate in U.S.?**

By Marc Fisher Washington Past Service ZURICH - When the 14-member strategy board that directs General Mo-

Opels and Vauxhalls. As the parent company goes through the transferable to Detroit. painful process of reorganizing, its execu-

"GM Europe has shown how to decentralize and cut costs," said Thomas

Europe made \$1.76 billion selling mostly executives here generally agree that many has captured 12.2 percent of the Western

of the lessons learned in Zurich may not be European market.

He returned to Tokyo three years ago to become the company's executive vice president and chief of research and development. Until Wednesday, the 52-year-old Mr. Irimajiri had been widely consid-

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tors Europe met recently to determine the best way to sell cars in a new Far East market, the group took 10 minutes to decide how to create 30 extra engineering jobs without an overall staff increase.

"When the strategy board meets, we really have the whole husiness in the room," said John Smith, GM Europe's planning vice president. "It's very casy to solve problems here. You can get your arms around this place."

In the typhoon of bad news that has hit. General Motors Corp. recently, the com-pany's European operation is an island of optimism. While GM lost \$8.7 billion selling cars in North America in 1991, GM

tives tout the European operation - re-tooled since its money-losing days a decade ago — as a model for the future. In two big ways, GM Europe is what Detroit is not: lean and highly productive. The company's European and North American operations both have popular models. But GM Europe has fewer brands, while GM North America carries redundant model lines at high operating costs. But despite a steady procession of GM

Europe executives into the top ranks of both the bome office and now Chrysler Corp. --- which tapped GM Europe's president, Robert J. Eaton, on Monday to succeed retiring Chairman Lee Iacocca -

Take the strategy board, a concept de-veloped by GM's German subsidiary, Adam Opel AG. As used at GM Europe headquarters in Zurieh, the board is a streamlined way to bring every component of the company around one table, where big decisions are made in minutes.

GM is creating a strategy board of its own. Mr. Smith believes the concept can do wonders back home, but other executives and industry analysts question whether it can work in GM's massive and competing North American bureaucracies.

Still, analysis say GM can learn two key lessons — increasing efficiency and offer-ing better cars — from the division that

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O'Grady, an auto industry analyst at Integrated Automotive Resources Inc. in Wayne, Pennsylvania, "Even as Detroit is trying to eliminate layers of hureaucracy, they're recentralizing at the same time."

Opel's mid-size Vectra and full-size Omega have become among Europe's most popular cars after a thorough reshaping of the company's offerings. GM Enrope bas reduced its development time on new models to 46 months from as much as 75 months and expects to cut that figure to 40 months. That is still longer than some Japanese automakers take, but it's considerably less than GM North America.

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# Continental's Stock Is Still Trading, **Defying Bankruptcy Plan and Logic**

By Diana B. Henriques

New York Tumes Service

NEW YORK - Under a recently negotiated bankruptcy plan, the common stock of Continental Airlines Holdings is officially worthless. Even the company says so.

Yet for more than six weeks, over the company's increasingly strident objections, the American Stock Exchange has continued to permit Continental shares to trade. Investors, apparently unaware that the com-

The stock fell in active New York trading, Page 12.

pany has negotiated a plan that will wipe them out, have paid as much as \$1.50 apiece for more than 7 million shares over the last week

Continental refused to pay a \$13,000 bill for its 1992. listing for to make a point that the exchange should March 18

stop trading the shares. Such trading raises questions about how the American exchange and other stock markets are handling the problems posed by the flood of bankruptcy cases. While the Continental situation is described by traders as particularly egregious, it is not an isolated case.

Bankrupicy investment specialists say that shares of several major companies -LTV Corp. Ames Department Stores, Salant Corp., Orion Pictures - continue to trade on prominent national exchanges despite court developments that cause these specialists to doubt whether the shares are worth anything close to their current prices.

The recent rally in Continental shares seems to have been ignited by numors that the airline was going to be acquired, said George Putnam 3d, publisher of Bankruptcy Datasource, which monitors bankruptcy-court filings. But bankruptcy specialists say an acquisition March 18

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would almost certainly not benefit shareholders because bondholders and other creditors are owed far more than

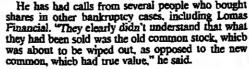
the company would be likely to fetch in a sale. Individual investors were apparently among the purchasers during the rally. The Bloomberg Financial Markets service shows that many of the 7 million Continental shares that traded involved small orders. Christopher Finn, a spokesman for the American exchange, said Tuesday night that the exchange would honor any company's request to withdraw, but only when accompanied by a formal resolution of the company's board and an application to the Securities and Exchange Commission. Mr. Finn said the exchange had received Continental's request but had not received a board resolution.

Otherwise, he said, the exchange would drop Conunental only after its plan won court approval.

For Continental executives, the recent stock rally was the final straw. On Monday evening, Robert R. Ferguson 3d, president and chief executive of Continental Holdings, sent an urgent letter to James R. Jones, the chairman of the American exchange.

Mr. Ferguson argued that the continued listing of the shares, with the publicity and visibility that listing alfords, "is detrimental to the public interest," said Art Kent, a spokesman for Continental.

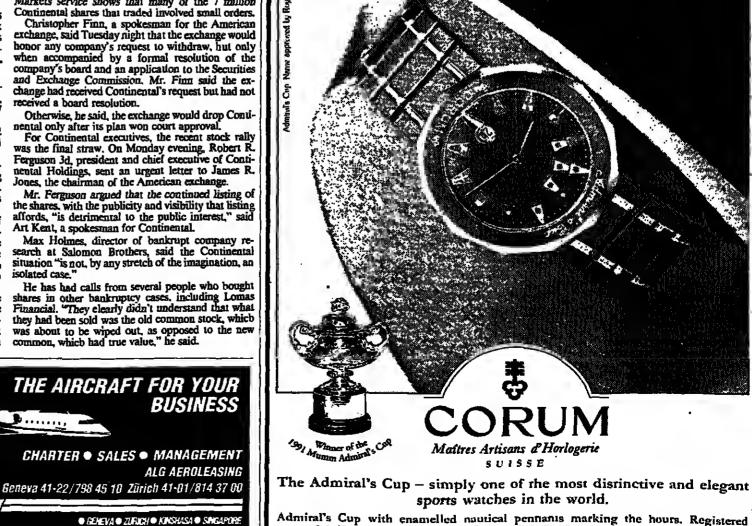
Max Holmes, director of bankrupt company research at Salomon Brothers, said the Continental situation "is not, by any stretch of the imagination, an isolated case."



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#### March 18 **Stocks End Mixed** In Subdued Trade Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches Stocks ended mixed on the American Stock Exchange and NEW YORK - Stocks ended narrowly mixed Wednesday in a slightly higher in over-the-counter subdued session on the New York trading. Stock Exchange, highlighted by a Among the actives, Chambers selloff in waste-service company shares. Blue chips slipped while Development Class A stock plunged 20% to 10% on the Ameribroader indexes gained ground. More signs of a U.S. economic a change in its accounting practices can Stock Exchange. It announced that reduced its 1991 earnings from revival provided cheer, but analysts 83 cents a share to 3 cents. The drop also brought down oth-**JLY. Stocks** er stocks in the waste-services said the market was waiting for a group. Waste Management pickup in corporate earnings. The U.S. Treasury secretary, Nicholas F. Brady, said a recovery was un-derway and the Federal Reserve's Waste fell 2% to 20%. Continental Airlines nosedived Tan Book reported some improve-% to % after an article in The New York Times pointed out that the ment in economic conditions. The Dow Jones industrial aver- shares were worthless under the age, which had jumped 19.68 carrier's bankruptcy plan. points Tuesday, slid back 1.79 Paper stocks were among the points to 3,254.25, snapping a three-session winning streak. Among the broad gauges, the New York Stock Exchange com-posite index eased 0.07 to 225.94, while Standard & Poor's 500-stock Storall of Story 1/21ct Advisers while Standard & Poor's 500-stock Stovall of Stovall/21st Advisers. Among paper companies, Louiindex slipped 0.36 to 409.22. Advances narrowly outpaced de-clines on volume of 190.8 million shares, up from 187.2 million trad-ed Tuesday. (Reuters, UPI) **Dollar Is Mostly Firmer But Drops Against Yen** NEW YORK — The dollar weeks. The long-term apward trend appears intact, though, they said. closed with small gains Wednesday "Since the dollar began rallying in against most major currencies, but talk of stimulative action to boost January, long-term buyers emerge to prop it up on any signs it's begin-ning to falter," said Michael Faust Japan's sluggish economy helped drive the yen sharply higher. The dollar ended at 1.6532 Dentof MMS International. **Foreign Exchange**

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Olympia & York Paper Put on Alert TORONTO (Reuters) — Dominion Bond Rating Service Ltd. said Wednesday it had placed Olympia & York Commercial Paper II Inc. and Olympia & York Exchange Tower on rating alert with negative implica-tions because of an "unprecedented" lack of investor confidence. Dominion Bond said there was nothing fundamentally wrong with Olympia & York or with the two commercial-paper programs, but continuing rumors and negative press reports were making it hard for the commany to roll over its commercial paper. The agency's rating on company to roll over its commercial paper. The agency's rating on . Commercial Paper and the Exchange Tower is R-1 (low).

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### A&P Sets \$1 Billion Spending Plan

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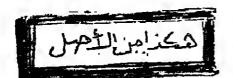
The chairman spoke after announcing that A&P's fourth-quarter net profit fell 49 percent, to \$16.06 million from \$31.58 million; mainly because of the weak economy.

### **Cemex Sets International Stock Sale**

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• Cadbury Schweppes PLC said it was placing 34.4 million shares with institutions to raise £145.1 million (\$25) million) of the £188 million it needs to buy the Mexican mineral water firm FEMSA Aguas Minerales. • Royal Nedloyd Group NV said it had placed 2.23 million common shares with ABN Amro Bank NV and Internationale Nederlanden Groep NV's insurance arm Nationale Nederlanden NV, converting subordinated loans to equity and raising its capital by 11 percent.

American Telephone & Telegraph Co. said its AT&T ISTEL unit had agreed to buy Computeranwendungs-Beratungs GmbH, a German soft-ware company, for about \$5.5 million over a two year period.

. Incentive AB said it sold 750,000 B-free shares in Electrolux AB on the market Tuesday; the deal would have a value of 198 million kronor (\$33 million] based on the close of 265 kronor.

• Svenskt Staal AB, which is 58.2 percent-owned by the Swedish govern-ment, will be privatized, the first of 35 state firms slated for sale.

• Renault denied that a privatization was planned soon; the company's Spanish unit plans to reduce its work force to 12,000 from 15,800 by 1996. Allianz AG Holding said income from capital investments would help in keep profit and dividend stable in 1991 despite underwriting losses.

Air France said it would buy up to eight A-321s, the first time it has bought the plane, and one new Airbus A-340 jet.

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# ABB Lifts Profit 2%, **Predicts Little Change**

Compiled by Our Staff From Disposches STOCKHOLM - ABB Asea Brown Boveri, the Swedish-Swiss engineering group, on Wednesday posted a 2 percent rise in pretax profit last year as recession hit most of its markets, and forecast a basi-cally unchanged profit this year. The group's president and chief

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Mr. Barnevik said a gas turbine produced recently in Poland had 13 met quality standards for export to se. the United States and added: "If 51S' they can make gas turbines, they

can make anything." Profit before taxes but after fithe nancial items rose to \$1.15 billion last year, from \$1.13 billion in 1990. Net income rose 3.2 percent 83to \$609 million, from \$590 million.

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417 million francs. It raised its dividend to 86 francs per bearer share, from 80 francs. Tord Andersson, an analyst at Svenska Handelsbanken in Stock-

holm, said the market was impressed by the unchanged 1992 profit forecast, Asca's B-free shares rose 15 kronor to 340.

Bill Coleman of James Capel & Co. in London said ABB had rightly targeted a reduction in its working capital, such as disposing of nonessential businesses and property, tightening credit control and reducing net debt.

"There is a lot of scope for improvement," he said.

(Reuters, AFP, AFX)

### Cerus Says Loss Narrowed in 1991

#### Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

PARIS — Compagnie Européenes Réunies, the French bolding company of the Italian financier Carlo De Benedetti, said Wednes-day that it expected a net consolidated loss of 1.3 billion francs (\$230 million] for 1991, down from a year-earlier loss of 2.05 billion francs. Cerus said the loss was a result of the group's desire to clear its

account. Half of the loss will result from amortization of goodwill, including 470 million france on its Spanisb unit, Cofir, which has been hit by weak Spanish stock markets.

Cerus also took into account the effect of a 400 million franc loss at its Banque Dumenil-Leblé subsidiary. Cerus, which will publish its 1991 results on April 24, said the cautious approach beloed offset the "good results scored by the group's industrial boldings, and (Reuters, AFP) particularly by Valco," the auto-parts maker.

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ats banks' funding costs. Raising the rates on low-interest loans will reduce the deterioration nt, in banks' profitability and capital position by almost 1 billion markkaa a year, the statement said.

An 8 billion markkaa investment in banks' equity would raise their lending capacity by between 90 million and 110 million markkaa, it ut.

EC support for oilseed producers

billion and \$3 billion in 1992, half of which would go to French farmers.

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he said. art On the Helsinki stock exchange, the, share prices ended higher but off the day's peaks as investors pon-dered the impact of the plan, dealast ers said. The HEX index rose 0.36

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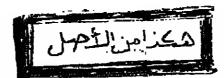
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### Lack of Details on Midland Takeover Plan Hits Stock

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Invernational Herald Tribune HONG KONG - Shares of HSBC Holdings PLC, parent of Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp., fell nearly 7 percent on the Hong Kong stock market Wednesday, but analysts said the stock performed better than expected after the announcement Tuesday that HSBC planned to acquire Midland Bank PLC of Britain.

HSBC's quick decline on the first full day of rading after the announcement sent the Hang Seng index plunging 100 points in early trading. It later recovered, belped by China-related stocks, closing at 5,036.07, down 9.32 points.

HSBC Holdings closed at 42.25 Hong Kong dollars (\$5.46), down 3 dollars. Volume in the stock totaled 16.8 million shares, or 20 percent of the day's total.

Brokers and analysts said that uncertainty surrounding the takeover, the terms of which have not

been announced, triggered the bulk of the selling. "Most investors in Hong Kong have been over-weight in Hongkong Bank for the last year," said David Lavington, sales director for Morgan Grenfell Asia Securities (H.K.) Ltd. "The share price has performed very strongly, so there are a lot of profits for people to take."

Analysts spent most of the day trying to deter-mine what the value of the oew bank would be, based on the little that has been revealed about the

Hongkong Bank officials have ruled out a rights issue to bankroll the acquisition, and most analysts are convinced that there will not be any cash offered. That leaves a share swap as the most widely expected scenario.

The takeover is the culmination of Hongkong Bank's decade-long plan to expand its presence

outside Hong Kong, which will revert to Chinese rule in mid-1997. If approved, the deal would result in a major realignment of the bank's asset base. At the end of 1990, slightly more than 50 percent of the bank's assets were in the Asia-Pacific region. the source of the bulk of its profits. The addition of Midland will make the the Dark Dark addition of Midland will reduce the Asia-Pacific component to

30 percent and increase the European component to slightly more than 50 percent from 20 percent. As a result, some analysts said HSBC's share price would decline as investors re-evaluated the

company's worth as o more European entity. "Earnings will not be as big in Europe as they are in Asia, period," said Laura Grenning, a bank analyst at Smith New Court (H.K.) Ltd. "So people shouldn't pay as much." On the other hand, HSBC's relatively firm price

in a strong Hong Kong market means that fewer Hongkong Bank shares will be oeeded to pay for Midland, making the deal that much more lucra-ove if, as HSBC is betting. Midland has hit bottom

and rebounds in coming years. "I don't think they could have picked a better time for a share swap." Mr. Lavington said. "One is underperforming the market and the other is outperforming the market."

China Banks Look at Ex-Soviet States China's state-owned banks will open branches

in the former Soviet Union this year in one of several moves to expand their presence overseas, Reuters quoted a senior Chinese banker as saying in Singapore. Zhang Xiao, president of Industrial & Commer-

cial Bank of China, the country's largest commercial bank, said the bank would send a delegation to the Commonwealth of Independent States near the end of this month.

By Steven Brull International Herald Tribune TOKYO — Stagnani trading vol-ume and scandals on the Tokyo Stock Exchange are devastating the carnings of Japan's securities indus-try, which said Wednesday it expected to post billions of dollars of losses

in the current financial year. It will be the brokerages' worst performance in 27 years, and anaysts say next year's prospects seem little better.

Ten of Japan's top 14 brokers expect to post pretax losses, which will total 218 billion yen (\$1.64 billion) for the year ending March 31. Of the Big Four, only Nomura Securities Co. still plans to be in the black, although it bas slashed its forecast for parent-company cur-rent profit to 45 billion yen, from 75 billion in October.

Wednesday's accoccements stemmed from a rule that requires listed companies in Tokyo to make public changes of more than 10 percent in their profit forecasts.

In the short term, analysts say the brokers' poor results will force the companies to hasten moves to close retail outlets and reduce capital spending and bloated staffs. Should the market slump continue much longer, bowever, many small and medium-sized houses could be forced into mergers, or even bankruptcy. Pressure on the smaller brokers is expected to increase with the passage later this year of legislation that would allow banks to enter the clients. securities field.

sharply from those made late last year, when many expected the stock market to have recovered by now. Instead, the market is at fiveyear lows, with the Nikkei index having sunk through the key psy-chological barrier of 20,000 points on Monday. Iostitutional selling pushed the Nikkei down a further 153.32 points on Wednesday, to 19.764 12 19.764.13.

**Red Ink for Japan's Brokers** 

Trading volume has been averag-ing less than 200 million shares per day this year, about 40 percent of

After the brokers' worst performance in 27 years, analysts say next

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the volume they need to break even. More investors have withdrawn from the market following last summer's scandal in which major brokerages were found to have compensated favored clients for losses. More recently, some brokers have been burt by payments to settle disputes over failed tobashi scams, in which they tried to cooceal an investor's losses by shuffling shares among a circle of other Daiwa Securities Co., the No. 2

The brokers' forecasts are down brokerage, last week said it would harply from those made late last pay \$375 million to settle a tobashi dispute with Tokyu Department Stores, and that its chairman, Ma-sahiro Dozen, would resign. Daiwa also said it expected to report a net loss of 43.0 billion yen in the year ending March 31, compared with a year-earlier profit of 59.5 billion ven. Yamatane Securities Co., a medium-sized broker, said Wednesday it would pay 19.4 billion yen to settle claims by two clients who claimed it had mishandled their money.

Other members of the Big Four have denied involvement in tobashi schemes, but still expect weaker results. Nomura Securities Co. re-vised its net profit forecast to 30 billion yen, from an October forecast of 75 billion, and from a yearearlier profit of 105.4 billioo yen. Nikko Securities Co. forecasts a net loss of 26 billion yen, compared with a year-earlier profit of 39.6 billion ven. At Yamaichi Securities Co., the outlook is for a net loss of 52.0 billion yen, compared with a profit of 38.6 billion yen a year earlier.

After the securities companies delivered their gloomy forecasts, senior officials of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party and economic cabinet ministers met to discuss proposals to stimulate the economy and stock market.

Their program is likely to be built on a five-point economic plan announced on March 5, which had as its central feature accelerated spending of the nation's 72 trillion yen oational budget for the fiscal year beginning April 1.

Economists say the stimulus program is likely to fall far short of what is necessary to revitalize the economy, let alone the stock market.

The government is also leveling · Total Indonesie, a unit of the French oil company, found oil and gas intense pressure on the Bank of offshore East Kalimantan, Indonesia's state oil company Pertamina said. Japan to lower its official discount · Keppel Corp., a Singapore shipbuilder, reportedly expects to set up a rate. But even a half-point cut, to \$50 million capital fund this year for investment in Vietnam. 4.0 percent, widely expected this month, is seen as insufficient.

# Bankruptcy Rumors Hit Hyundai Shares

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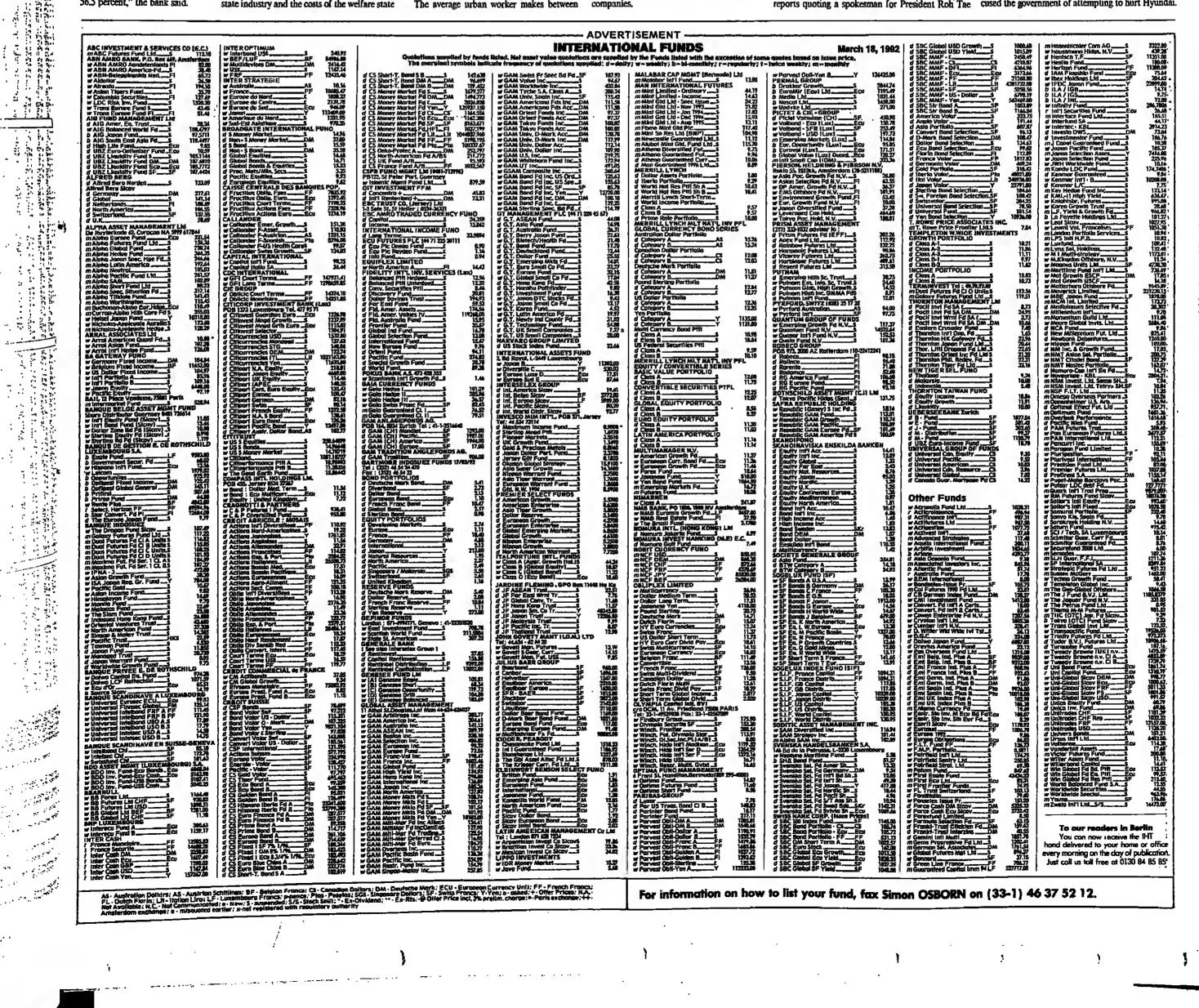
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AFP. Extel News SEOUL - Shares of Hyundai Group's 14 listed subsidiaries, including Hyundai Motor Co., fell Wednesday amid speculation that some units faced bankruptcy, dealers said.

Dealers said the falls were triggered by local press reports quoting a spokesman for President Roh Tae

Woo's ruling Democratic Liberal Party saying that Hyundai might let one of its subsidiaries go bankrupt to help the Unification National Party win more votes at the National Assembly elections on March 24,

A Hyundai spokesman denied the claim and accused the government of attempting to hurt Hyundai.



Arab Bank Turns **Staple Foods Go Up as China Overhauls Prices** Loss Into Profit

MANAMA, Bahrain -- Arab Banking Corp., the biggest internatiooal Arab baok, reported Wednesday a \$90 million pretax profit for 1991, after a pretax loss of \$47 million in 1990.

The bank said operating income rose to \$622 millioo from \$555 million the previous year, while total assets dropped slightly, to \$20.45 billion from \$20.55 billion.

"The turnaround was reflected in the healthy trend toward the growth and diversificatioo of noointerest income, which jumped by 56.5 percent," the bank said.

BELIING --- Chinese will pay a lot more for the basics of life -- rice and bread -- from April 1 as Beijing presses ahead with a price overhaul

to relieve the crushing burden of subsidies oo the state, officials said Wednesday. But the government said it planned to offset the oew prices with wage rises to all workers, the official Xinhua News Agency reported. News of the planned price rises comes just a few days before the annual session of the National People's Congress, China's parliament, which opens on Friday. On Saturday, China is expected to unveil its 1992 budget plans and to

disclose that the budget deficit was as much as 50 percent greater than the projected 12.3 bilhon yuan (\$2,4 billion) last year. The message that subsidies to loss-making

state industry and the costs of the welfare state

have pushed the deficit to another record, is expected to be tempered by the oews that China's economy has oot only survived the recession, but is thriving. The contrasting messages reveal a widening split in the economy along geographical and ideological lines.

The government will raise the prices of rice and flour in state stores by about 40 perceot. It works out to an average rise of only 11 fen (hundredths of a yuan) per 500 grams (one pound) of rice and flour, Xinhua said, because of the subsidies that keep prices artificially low.

The price of all goods made from grain will also rise, so to prevent grumbling the state has passed the burden of subsidies from its budget down to the workplace. Workers will get a fiveyuan monthly pay rise to offset the price in-creases, the official oews agency said.

The average urban worker makes between

150 and 200 yuan per month but gets heavily subsidized housing, medical care and other benefits. While the price rise is big in percentage

terms, especially when combined with a rise of more than 50 percent in the price of grain last year, prices remain heavily subsidized, New Rules in Shenzhen

The Shenzhen stock market has enacted pro-

companies.

visional listing regulations, while a division of Hong Kong's Standard Chartered Bank anoounced it would be one of the agents for the exchange, news agencies reported from Hong

Kong. The oew rules say the government must retain a controlling stake in all "strategic" enterprises, Xinhua reported, but do not set restrictioos on governmeot cootrol of other

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# SPORTS FOOTBALL, RUGBY WLAF: A Survivor Opens Second Season The WLAF on TV

#### By Doug Cress Special to the Herald Tribune

BARCELONA - The Barceiooa Dragons spent almost as much time haggling with customs offi-

cials over game films and shoulder pads as they did practicing. The Frankfurt Galaxy had to be bussed 300 miles to Paris to catch a flight to the United States. And when the London Monarchs' hus got stuck in the mud, 30 players had to get out

That was the spring of 1991. It is now the spring of 1992.

"I just spent the last three hours tymg to get a visa for one of my players who has a passport from Tonga," says the Galaxy general manager, Oliver Luck, with a small moan. "I'm sure the people in Orlando aren't dealing with stuff like this. I'm convinced running a team in the United States is 100 times

. But the World League of American Football's three European members overcame language barriers, food shortages and laundry problems to dominate the league's first season, and they remain the teams to heat heading into this weekend's 1992 season openers.

Frankfurt will come here to play the Dragons on Saturday in Mont-juic Stadium, while the Monarchs will play host to the New York-New Jersey Knights on Sunday in Wemhley Stadium. The league's six other North American teams will be in action in the United States. .The 10-week regular season will end May 23, with the three division winners and one wild-card team advancing to the playoffs. The 1992 World Bowl championship game

will be held June 6 in Montreal. The WLAF, a 10-team spring league with franchises in Canada, Europe and the United States, is owned and operated hy the National Football League. The teams are stocked with once-and-future NFL players, and 26 of the 28 NFL teams chip in to defray expenses, hoping to both groom players and gain a mar-keting foothold in Europe. Even WLAF officials admit they

The team's manager, Robert Paparem-borde, says this Five Nations tournament, were stunned by the way American football has caught on in Europe. We thought the potential was

there in Europe, hut no one thought the weaknesses of France's team, made up it would happeo so quickly," said loe Bailey, the WLAF's chief operoverwhelmingly of young and inexperienced players at the international level. Bernard Lapasset, president of the French Rugby Federation, says: "We are preparing a oew generation of players for ating officer. "If anything, the results were the exact opposite of what what we expected."

He added that the league nounced \$300,000 worth of mer- ming back Ricky Blake with the thought the teams in Europe "would be at a competitive disad-

vantage due to being so far from sold 9.000 season tickets. home, hut it turns out they adjusted and came together as teams better than the teams in the U.S." "In my opinion, the popularity London, Frankfurt and Barceloof American football in Europe is na were virtually unbeatable in 1991. They posted a combined 24-6 what saved the league." said the

record, and were 11-1 at home against North American teams. Barcelona and London reached the like they did, there would not be a World Bowl final, with London triumphing, 21-0. World League today. Last year, 1

What's more, the European teams drew five of the WLAF's 10 But now I can say we'll be here for largest crowds in 1991, with a league-record 61,108 attending the quite a while." World Bowl in Wembley Stadium. And while the WLAF's other members fight for headlines and survival in the United States - leaving even the WLAF's sophomore year

Nineteen WLAF alumni finished the 1991 season on NFL rosters. among them London quarterback Stan Gelbaugh, with the Phoenix Cardinals; Barcelona punter Luis in limbo until December - Barcelona's fan cluh has swelled to Agniar, with the New York Jets:

Success in Europe Raises Hopes for Future

chandise sales during the World Dallas Cowboys. The Philadelphia Eagles signed 19 WLAF players Bowl, and Frankfurt has already over the course of the NFL season. In addition, two former Montre-In fact, some believe Barcelona, al Machine teammates, Richard Frankfurt and London are the only Shelton with the Pittsburgh Steelreason the WLAF still exists.

ers and Tracy Simien with the Kansas City Chiefs, won player of the week honors in December in the Dragons' coach, Jack Bicknell. "If NFL's American Football Conferwe had oot been successful and the North American teams struggled Nor were WLAF coaches ex-

empt from success. After winning the World Bowl, the Monarchs could oot tell you if we'd return. coach, Larry Kennan, accepted an assistant coaching job with the Seattle Seahawks, and Bickoell Some of the WLAF's players popped up as a candidate for several head coaching jobs. also made an impact, oo the NFL.

The WLAF, granted a three-year lease on life by the NFL in December, has made several changes for 1992. The Columbus-based Ohio Glory has replaced the defunct Raleigh-Durham franchise, and the 33,000 members. London an- and the San Antonio Riders' run-Operation Discovery plan, which

placed foreign athletes on each team has been scrapped for all but the three European clubs.

In addition, the NFL Player Allocation Plan has been stepped up, with 101 of the league's players allocated to WLAF teams to improve the sihlings' quality of play and marquee value. So while the Denver Broncos own the rights to quarterback Shawn Moore, he will play this spring for the Birming-ham Fire. The Seahawks' safety, Derrick Dodge, will get to see a lot of London.

But because of the plan's territorial and won-loss priority system, most of these players have been assigned to North American teams. Bailey says he believes such innovations will allow the WLAF to expand by two teams in 1993 and two more in 1994, with at least one more in Europe

"The single-largest accomplishment of this league so far is that it got up and running in about threeand-a-half months," be said. "The challenge now is to keep a good thing going."

The television arrangements for games, ac-cording to the World League of American Foolball, which begins its second season Saturday: • The European Sports Network (TESN) will

provide live and delayed coverage of 18 European Division games plus live coverage of the three postseason games. TESN can be received in 21 countries, including Britain (via Screensport), Germany (SportKanal), France (TV Sport) and Holland (SportNet), as well as Spain, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Switzerland and the Scandinavian countries.

• In England, London Weekend Television (LWT) will televise a weekly highlight program on Sundays featuring the Monarchs; the program will be carried by other ITV companies in Řritain.

· Hessischer Rundfunk (HR) of Germany. will have delayed coverage of nine Frankfurt regular season games, plus cover three home games and the postseason games.

· Spain's TV3 Catalunya will provide fullgame delayed coverage of all Barcelona's games, as well cover as four home games and the postseason games. Tele Madrid will televise two Dragons games.

• ESPN International, available in 63 coun-tries, will televise a delayed "Game of the Week" on Wednesday nights, plus "This Week in the World League.



New York Times Service PHOENIX, Arizona - Seven cities have survived the cut as the National Football League owners narrowed the field for the two expansion teams to be named this year.

The seven are Baltimore; Memphis, Tennessee; St. Louis, Missouri; Charlotte, North Carolina; Jacksonville, Florida, and Oakland and Sacramento in California. The list will be reduced to five when the owners meet again on May 20 in Pasadena, California. The final entrants could be named as early as October and begin play as early as 1994.

Etiminated from consideration Tuesday were Honolulu; Nashville, Tennessee; Raleigh-Durham in North Carolina, and San Antonio, Texas.

the identities in the score in the score is "It's unrealistic to continue to carry 11 when you're. only looking for two," said Paul Tagliabue, the NFL commissioner, who added that the principal criteria in choosing the cities were proposals on stadiums, community support, demographics and ownership.

Tagliabue repeated the league's stance that continued movement on expansion should not binge on whether it can negotiate a collective-bargaining agreement with its players. But some owners said that a lack of labor peace might delay the expansion plans.

The league appears unlikely to decide at its meeting this week, which ends Thursday. on whether to revamp its television package because of the complex-ities of the issues, Tagliabue said.

# French, in Anglo-Saxon Game, Can No Longer Rest on Latin Laurels

By Tara Patel Special to the Herald Tribune PARIS — The French, who have long been the odd men out in the largely Anglo-Saxon dominated sport of rugby, found that an easy mantle to bear when the national team was winning,

But now, with a match coming up Saturday in Paris against Ireland that could close a disastrous season with yet another defeat, a season that has included a running war of words with England, humiliation and outrage in the World Cup, two straight losses to England and Scotland in the Five Nations tournament, charges of excessive violence and counter

has flown, never to return.

overnight." They say the legacy of such rugby greats as the Boniface brothers, Guy and André, of Joseph (Jo) Maso, Jean Gachassin, Didier Codorniou and Serge Blanco,

all spectacular natural runners and ballhandlers, has only been mislaid, not lost. When Jacques Fouroux began his 10-year reign as coach in 1981, he started favoring more powerful, muscular players - in an attempt to emulate New Zealand's nearly unbeatable All Blacks -over those with exceptional ball-handling skills. Still, the golden era of Fouroux, when the team won three Five Nations claims of discrimination and managetitles, two of them Grand Slams, was ment shake-ups, many are wondering huilt in large part of the skills and flair of whether that once famous French flair such as Maso and Blanco. But in the provinces, his penchant for muscle was

having what is now seen as a had effect. France's oew players are in the more in which Wales plays Scotland on Saturpowerful, muscular mode, but the team is day in another season finale, has revealed oot winning.

"We don't want to go too far in the other direction," Paparemborde said. "There oceds to be an equilibrium between the two. But the changes won't come quickly. Our young people began playing like this

because they identified with what was the oext World Cup. That can't happen happening on the national team."

After the World Cup last fall, when France lost to England in the quarterfinals, five players retired, including Blanco, the team captain, and two other stalwarts, Pascal Ondarts and Pierre Berbizier, the latter of whom is on temporary contract as the team's coach pending season's results. The rugby federation also went through a management shake-up, with Lapasset taking the helm.

Then, during the Five Nations match against England on Feb. 15, Gregoire Lascube and Vincent Moscato were expelled by an Irish referee. Steve Hilditch. for stamping on an English player and head hutting in a scrum. Never before had two players on a team been expelled in a Five tions match.

Lascube and Moscato were suspended from rugby for six months by the French federation, but allegadons were also made that the French team had been unfairly punished for acts that commonly occur in international competition.

But even before that, the tension be tween the French and English teams had been running high because of two inci-dents during their World Cup quarterfinal.

After France lost, its coach, Daniel Dubroca, created headlines when he angrily grabbed the collar of a New Zealand referee, David Bishop. The Londonbased International Board issued a highly critical statement of the French Rugby Federation for not disciplining Dubroca, who later resigned.

Then René Hourquet, who was France's leading referce, intensified the furor by abruptly resigning in mid-tour-oament because of what he said was a deliberate slighting of French officials when he was the only Frenchman among

Two of the chosen referees were injured," he said bitterly by telephone from his home in Carpentras in southern French. "The people responsible for that

Hourquet had since become head of the commission overseeing French refer-ees and sits on the rugby federation's 12member board.

He is still angry about the latest France-England run-in, pinning most of the hlame oo what he said was the "vomit journalism" of British tabloids, which called the French players animals and thugs

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"It is only in Western movies that one English for trying to be the keepers of the side is all good and the other all bad," he said. "We are not the only ones to be

blamed for what happened Paparemborde, who says that he "reacts very violently" to suggestions that rugby has become more violent in France than in other countries, says: "It is just a little different. This stems from our dis-

tinct culture and identity. Lapasset says that problems occur "when people try to measure the superi-ority of one tradition over another."

said. "Ten years ago, England didn't have a very good team. Now it is good, and we are the ones with an inexperienced team."

pelled Feb. 15, Lapasset said, he wrote a letter to the organizers of the Five Nations tournament urging them to have patience with the young French players until they develop.

Bot for the moment, Hourquet said, dialogue with the London-based Rugby Union is difficult. "I don't get the impression that we have anything that really interests that organization," he said echoing many in France who criticize the

In the meantime, Berbizier, the temporary coach, said that the first meeting and practice after the loss to Scotland was. characterized by a venting of frustrations and a lot of soul-searching.

His team, he said, has definite probtems with timing, moving the ball and overall comprehension of the game — fundamentals that are unlikely to be resolved in time for the last tournament. match against Ireland.

"We were disappointed with some of the more experienced players," Berbizier said. And referring to Franck Mesnel, Jean-Baptiste Lafond and the captain, Philippe Sella, he added, "They didn't do enough individual preparation."

So where has the French flair gone? "I think England had taken some of it," Paparemborde said with a smile. "It's not only a natural quality. We may have thought that just because we were French we could play better than other coun-

Than he added: "We're going to have to work hard and be creative to get it back. It's not going to fall from the sky."

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FIRE ON THE PRAIRIE: Chicago's Harold Washington and the Politics of Race

By Gary Rivlin. 442 pages. \$24.95. Henry Holt & Co. Inc., 115 West 18th Street, New York, N.Y. 10011.

stand him, and Rivlin's rich saga offers hend both the "streets" and the "suites footholds aplenty. Colorfully, intimately. "Fire on the Prairie" shames and instructs as it entertains, weaving a skein of anecdotes and vignettes into a civic conversation about race and power. One cannot say that it uplifts; that, Chicagoans will have to do for themselves. Hardly anyone in Washington coming. In the 1983 Demo-cratic mayoral primary, Walter Mondale endorsed "Richie" J. Daley, soo of the legendary Richard M., while Edward Kennedy backed the incumbent Mayor Jane Byrne. The city's press and poll-sters, armored in willful denial of the obvious - that a divided white machine couldn't contain the mobilized anger of wake of Washington's victory. Local Re-publicans trafficked shamelessly in hatred, inciting the defection of half the Democratic leaders to Bernard Epton, Washington's obscure, Jewish opponent in the general election. And yet the black surge badn't seemed so unstoppable during the primary campaign, as black nationalists struggled with black integrationists and with Washington's small "honky caucus" of whites for a claim on the candidate's body and soul. In retrospect, Washington was able to unite hlacks and defeat the white Democrats and Epton, with a small margin of white liberal and Hispanic votes, only because his intellect

can politics' blessed mysteries: However loud the alarums of hlack parochialists and white racists, hlack voters consistently give stronger support to black can-didates who are reaching out credibly to whites than they do hlacks running on appeals to racial solidarity alone. That Washington refused to seize the reins of whites coalesced around Daley, who lacks Washington's intellect hut seems nevertheless to have learned something about the wisdom of conciliation. Jim Sleeper, the author of "The Closest of Strangers: Liberalism and the Politics of Race in New York," wrote this for The Washington Post.

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Reviewed by Jim Sleeper

I N spacious, frank, unadorned prose, Gary Rivlin has penned a sprawling. tribute to an epically tormented city and its late, larger-than-life hlack mayor. The story's rumbling subtext - unwelcome, irrefutable and, in the end, irresistible -is the neanderthal ignorance and selfish-ness of whites: Rivin catches the city's elites, liberal reformers and blue collar ethnics scurrying like dwarfs in the shadow of a giant who understands them hetter than they do him, who brushes aside their racism with magisterial disdain, and who sometimes even loves them, despite themselves. In Washington, the City of Big Shoul-

ders stumhled upon a leader worthy of its own large parts. The former ward heeler taught at least a few lifelong reformers how to implement reform; at least a few thoughtful journalists how to recognize, if not defeat, the almost invincible media mindlessness that helped drive a young black editorial writer to suicide; more than a few blacks how to endure, fight and transcend racism; and white ethnics . . well, there is the tragedy.

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patronage to exact the racial revenge whites were sure was coming puzzled even his admirers. Bot Rivlin shows that it helped win him re-election in 1987. Alas, white voters had nothing to show for their four years under his tutelage; in fairness, some Washingtoo followers did little to reassure them, and the mayor himself could do little to stem the black

crime and social disintegration whites hoped he would curb. He died later that year, of a massive heart attack prompted by the characteristic overweight and hypertension that make hlack men's life expectancy in the United States eight years shorter than whites'. With no one to take his place, hlacks reverted to their own infighting:

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If South believes the hidding, he should expect East to have a stopper in spades, hearts and diamonds. And if he believes the opening lead he should ex-pect West to have a singleton heart: Any other singleton would presumably have been led in preference to the club ace, a risky choice.

So after taking his diamond discard at the third trick South should have led the spade jack and finessed. When this succeeded he should have led a heart and finessed the nine, for two reasons. Apart from the interference from the lead South should give East credit for defending correctly. If West has a doubleton heart. East could put up his ace and give his partner a decisive spade ruff.

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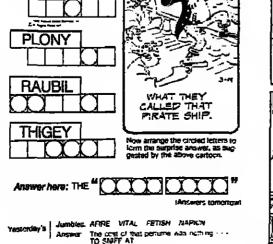
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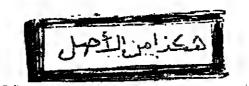












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In Sofia, Red Star Belgrade beat Panathinaikos of Greece, 1-0, on Sinisa Mihajlovic

goal in the 53d minute. Vitor Paneira opened the scoring for the Portuguese side in the 30th minute, his long shot from the right appearing to deflect off Sparta's captain, Vaclav Nemecck, on its way into the net.

Veteran Jozef Chovanec tied the score seconds before halftime with a left-footed free kick from 25 meters. It cleared Benfica's

defensive wall and caught goalkeeper Ade-lino Neño on the wrong side of his goal. The Czechoslovak champions were two points behind group leader Barcelona going into the day's matches, with Benfica another point back.

Sparta, which host Barcelona on April 1, is still in contention. Benfica, twice Europe-an Cup winners in the early 1960s, has now drawn three and lost one of its matches and realistically needs to win both its remaining matches to stand any chance of reaching a

third final in five years. CUP WINNERS' CUP (Quarterfinals, Second Leg) Speedy striker Foeke Booy drew a penalty

off which the tying goal was scored, then scored the deciding goal himself to give FC Bruges a 2-1 victory over visiting Atletico Madrid and a place in the semifinals. Atlético had won, 3-2 in Madrid two weeks ago, but Bruges advanced because it

scored more goals away from home.

Paolo Futre turned a blunder by Bruges defender Stefane Van Der Heyden into a tap-in goal from close range in the 8th min-ute to give Madrid a 2-0 lead.

But five minutes from half time, Booy out-ran three defenders to reach a deep pass and two Madrid players hacked him down from behind in the penalty area. Captsin Alex Querter converted the penalty. In the 62d minute, defender Claude Ver-

spaille made a perfect pass to the center, which only Booy could reach. He put the ball past goalkeeper Abel with a low drive. W: may be • Werder Bremen played to a scoreless draw against Galatasaray in Istanbul to adanther vance to the semifmals. 

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The Turkish team had lost to the visitors, 2-1, two weeks ago in Germany and needed to win by at least one goal to advance. Both teams struggled on a difficult pitch in a driving snow.

> **UEFA CUP** (Quarterfinals, Second Leg)

Two goals by Uruguayan striker Carlos Aguilera and a series of breathtaking saves by goalie Simone Braglia gave Genoa a 2-1 victory in Liverpool and a place in the semifinal.

final. Leading by 2-0 from the first leg, Genoa moved further ahead in the 27th minute when Aguilera finished off a swift break. Although Ian Rush tied the score three minutes after halftime, Aguilera struck again 19 minutes from the end.

said. He was shot once in the chest A last-minute goal from defender Wim Jonk scaled a convincing 3-0 victory for Ajax Amsterdam over Ghent after a scoreless draw in the first leg match two weeks King said. ago in Belgium. Ajax was on the attack from the opening whistle, taking the lead in seventh minute through a header from midfielder Michel Kreek. (Reuters, AP, AFP) hoxer's promoter.



Fast-bowler Eddo Brandes, who held England to 43 for five, found he could almost walk on air after Zimbabwe's triumph.

# Pakistan Gains Semifinals **In Day of Surprises After** Zimbabwe Stuns England

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatche SYDNEY - Thirty-six matches and nearly a month after it started, cricket's World Cup was pared to four teams Wednesday, a day of

upsets and some anger. Defending champion Australia, Sydney Cricket Ground. next Wednesday at the Melbourne Cricket Ground before a crowd exalthough rebounding from a disastrous start to the tournament, was pected to top 100,000. out of the semifinals before it took the pitch against the West Indies. Australia's archrival, New Zealand, which had a 7-0 record, was an easy loser to Pakistan. That helped Pakistan advance to the semifinals, knocking ont Australia in the process, and set off a trans-Tasman Sea war of words, with accusations that New Zealand, knowing it could play its semifinal in Auckland if Australia was out of the picture, may not have tried as hard as it could.

An Australia-New Zealand to its upset. New Zealand, forced to bat when Pakistan's captain, Imran semifinal would have been played in Sydney. Khan, won the toss, could manage

only 166 in 48.2 overs as, spear-Australia conetheless played headed by a spellbinding display from young leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed, Pakistan held the Kiwis to with determination, obsting the wo-time World Cup champion West Indies in a day-night match in Melbourne. The West Indies could their lowest score for a full innings have advanced past Pakistan and in the tournament, then won with into the semifinals with a victory. 5.2 overs to spare. Earlier. winless Zimbabwe century of the series as Pakistan got stunned second-place England with a nine-run victory in Albury, its fourth victory of the Cup. After Australia scored 216-6, the

In the semifinals, first-place New West Indies was bowled out for 159 Zealand and fourth-place Pakistan with more than seven overs to play Saturday at Auckland's Eden Park. England and third-place South Africa play Sunday at the spare

Mike Whitney grabbed 34-4 from 10 overs for Australia, while left-handed pacemao Mike Whit-The winners will play in the final ney wrecked the West Indies' middle order with a spell of four for 20 in 36 balls.

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Only stylish left-handed opener The British bookmakers Lad-brokes made England a 15-8 favor-brokes made England a 15-8 favortance, with 70 from only 97 balls. While he remained, West Indies

ite to win the Cup, with South Afri-ca at 7-2 and New Zealand and had a slim chance of overtaking the Pakistan both at 11-4. Australian total. But a misuoder-Wednesday's resolts also en-sured there would be a new World standing with Winston Benjamin left Lara stranded and he was easily Cup champion, since all former run out to become the eighth wickchampions - India, Australia and et to fall with the West lodies' total the West Indies - failed to reach on 137 in the 38th over. the semifinals.

England, set a paltry 135 to win. Ramiz Raja was 119 not out to was undone by an opening burst of lead Pakistan, 167-3 in 44.4 overs. four for 16 from fast-bowler Eddo Brandes.

He sent the English crashing to 43 for five and, despite a 52-run partnership from Alec Stewart (29) and Neil Fairbrother (20), they were bowled out for 125 with five balls left.

Captain David Houghton was the top scorer with 29 for Zimbabwe, whose other heroes were vet-Opener Raja posted his second eran off-spinner John Traicos - 16 runs conceded off 10 overs - and Ali Shah, with two for 17 off 10. (AP. Reuters, AFP)

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# **Basketball's Top Draw? Coach Ahab**

By George Vecsey New York Times Service

N EW YORK — The players come and the players go, but the same coaches are with us from decade to decade. Striding the sidelines like so many Captain Ahabs, these imperfect authority figures make college basketball so special because you can actually see what they

No college basketball coach would dare echo Casey Stengel of the 1949 Yankees and say, "I never coulda done it without my players," hut they do out-

last their play- Vantage ers, at least most of them. Point

As the best teams in the country prepare for the national tournaments, it will be Christian Laettner of Duke and Alonzo Mourning of Georgetown and all their colleagues performing on the court.

Willie Holyfield, 35, was in his But next year Laettner and Mourning will be bedroom at the time and came ont heat against reflexes. gone, while Bobby Knight of Iodiana, with his three championships and counting, will probato see what had happened, King hiy still look ready to explode with rage How reassuring it is to think that John Thompson of Georgetown could still be here, white towel draped over his shoulder as if he were an overextended daddy with a whole squadful of oewborns to burp. Occasionally, it is suggested that coaches receive too much credit and publicity, but that is the point of college basketball. The styles of the coaches are vasily different, yet there are so

many timeouts and interruptions that coaches can actually exert control, if they know how. Example: During the regional final two years

the Connecticut defenders were not guarding Lacturer, who was passing in the ball. Krzy-zewski shouted "special" and the Duke players shifted to another play, which saw Laettner get the ball back and sink a jump shot at the buzzer. Of course, the players executed it, but the

In no other sport is coaching so noticeable. Football? Who really knows what's happening, what with shuttling players and shifting de-fenses and assistant coaches jabbering instructions?

Hockey? Mostly line changes and practice and skill and muscle. Baseball? The managers glower and flash signals, but ultimately the game comes down to pitcher against batter,

Holstra, many moons ago, when Butch van Breda Kollf assigned specific roles to specific players. Stanley could not shont further than three feet from the basket. Teddy could only drive, Radar could shoot jumpers against the zone. Stevie could bring the ball up. Any deviations were met with a loud grunt or a shrill whistle, and often with major bench time. Butch is doing fine in his second tour at Hofstra, and there are others who control a game like him. His protege, Pete Carril of

Princeton, is an equal-opportunity terrorist every March, scaring Georgetown, Arkansas and Villanova in the past three years, and currently laying in a game plan for twitchy Jim Boeheim of Syracuse this Friday. Then there is Dick Tarrant of Richmond,

who has beaten Auburn. Indiana. Georgia Tech and Syracuse in the last decade. The hig boys all exhaled in relief recently when Richmond had to settle for the National Invitational Tourna-

the occasional Lew Alcindor or Bill Walton. in 1983; Al McGuire going out with tears and a

saw Adolph Rupp, the gruit old baron of Ker tucky, working the winning locker room in 1966, congratulating the eight black players from Texas Western P. J. Carlesimo gracefully handled a dubious foul call that cost Seton Hall the 1989 title. The coaches are always a story in college hoops. Will Knight and Dale Brown of LSU resume their feud in the second round? Looie. The Dean. Coach K. It's March. They're back.

South Africa's Vote

lifted a huge weight from the country's World Cup cricket

Wessels said the team had tried to concentrate on prepar

ing for the weekend's Cup semifinals, but he admitted that it had not been possible with so much at stake at home. "In the last couple of days we have gone from not worrying about it at all to it becoming a pressure situation," he said.

Geoff Dakin, president of the country's United Cricket Board of Control, had said Sunday that the board might feel bonor-hound to withdraw the team from the tournament if a "no" vote meant some other teams would refuse to play South Africa. President Frederik W, de Klerk received an unexpected-

ly massive vote of confidence from white South Africans in his leadership and negotiations for a new non-racial consituation, winning nearly 70 percent of the vote in the historic whites-only referendum.

The team's manager. Alan Jordaan, said. "It is a relief to us. We live in the country and believe reform is the way to

go, so we are happy." While Wessels, Jordaan and the coach, Mike Procter, talked to the media at the team hotel as the results of the vote emerged, most of their players were watching television to get the other result of immediate importance to them - the outcome of the Australia-West Indies game, which would decide their semifinal opposent. Australia beat the West Indies, meaning South Africa will play England on Sunday at the Sydney Cricket Ground in the second semifinal. "The referendum was always a certainty, the game was

ago. Duke was about to run a play with 2.6 seconds left, trailing by a point. But its coach, Mike Krzyzewski, noticed that

preparation and involvement by the coach had

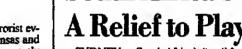
made a visible difference.

1 came to appreciate basketball coaching at

Great players tend to win championships. Yes, Bird once played Magie in the 1979 final. Yes, John Wooden and UCLA probably would not have won 10 titles within 12 years without But we see basketball coaches on television and we don't forget them: Moon-faced Jerry Tarkanian holding off the National Collegiate Athletic Association hit squads to finally win one with Nevada-Las Vegas in 1990; Jim Val-vano, ont of his mind after Lorenzo Charles stuffed in the airball for North Carolina State

championship with Marquette in 1977. Even the losing coaches leave memories. I

# **A Relief to Players**



SYDNEY -- South Africa's "yes" for continued reform team, captain Kepler Wessels said Wednesday.

with the shotgun and pronounced dead at the scene, the officer said. Evander Holyfield was notified and came to his brother's house,

The heavyweight champion was "handling it but he's very dis-traught," said Kathy Duva, a spokeswoman for Main Events, the

**Elder Brother** 

**Dead in Home** 

west Atlanta, police said.

Of Holyfield Shot

The Associated Press

the older brother of world heavy-weight champion Evander Holy-

field, was shot and killed early

Wednesday at his home in south-

Homicide Sergeant Tom King said Willie Holyfield's brother-in-

law, Michael Lucas, 35, had been

arrested and charged with murder.

King said Lucas, who lived

around the corner from Willie Ho-

lyfield, came to the house about 4

A.M. armed with a .12-gauge shot-

gun. King said several people were at the home and Lucas accessed someone of stealing something

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ATLANTA - Willie Holyfield.

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### razi May Be Raced in Epsom Derby

PARIS (IHT) — If Arazi should win the Kentucky Derby oo May 2; or which he is an 8-to-5 favorite, his French trainer said Wednesday that e will recommend that the horse pass up the Triple Crown in the United tates to attempt to become the first champion of the Kentucky Derby id the Epsom Derby in England.

American owner Allen E. Paulson wants Arazi to race for the Triple rown, but the co-owner, Sheik Mohammed ihn Al Rashid al Maktoum Dubai, wants Arazi to run in Epsom Derby on June 3. Francois Boutin id at the Epsom Derby Luncheon in London. He added: "This is where may have a problem. If it was left to me as trainer, if I was to arbitrate; preference would be for the Epsom Derby."

The Triple Crown has been won 11 times, but no Kentucky Derbynner has ever run in the Epsom Derby.

### eough Recovering After Surgery

SCOTTSDALE, Arizona (NYT) — Less than 24 hours after undergo-g emergency brain surgery to relieve pressure from a hlood clot, Matt eough watched a television replay of the batted ball that struck him in right temple.

Keough remained in the intensive care unit Tuesday, but his condition as upgraded from critical to serious. He is expected to remain in intensive e for three or four days, then stay in the hospital for about as week.

### or the Record

Representatives of the challengers' and defenders' syndicates decided iesday in San Diego to retain the new International America's Cup ass yachts for the oext regatta. The one key change agreed to was in han e "skirting" of yachts, to conceal the nature of their hulls, keels, and er underwater appendages. (Reuters)

Konishiki, the wrestler from Hawaii, ran his record to 9-2 Wednesday remain in a three-way ile for the lead of the 15-day Spring Grand Sumo urnament (UPI)



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# **ART BUCHWALD** The Rubber-Check Vote

WASHINGTON - The con- ment appropriations and not on gressional check-writing your personal account. Since you scandal has not been the best election news for most candidates. But the public can't expect you to keep some campaign managers are trying to take advantage of it. Don spend on yourself." Tiger met with Congressman

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Blankman and told him, "We're changing our strategy. We have to appeal to the check-bouncers' vote. There are thou-

sands of Americans out there who have written rubber checks and feel that no one gives a damn about them." Blankman said. "Tiger, I wish you would

Buchwald take this scandal a little more seriously. My mail indicates that the people are furious. They are worried that if I can't balance my own checkbook, I'll have trouble balancing the nation's hudget.

"How about this? When you came to Congress you didn't know that you had to keep enough funds in your account to cover your checks. You were told by senior members that a congressman's bank account was similar to a buder littin de House of Kentsennetives, and that your checks would be covered by the deficit. We'll announce that you will never bounce a check again."

'It's easy for you to say that, but have you ever tried to keep enough funds in a checking account to cover everything?

't have, but my children haven't.' "I bounced 987 checks. Won'i

my opponent say that t'm full of hubris and sloth?" We will announce that when

you signed the checks you thought you were drawing funds on governstead?

### **Court Supports U.S. Film Exporters**

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Washington Post Service WASHINGTON - The U.S. Information Agency has lost another round in its long-running hattle over control of film exports.

A group of independent filmmakers has been battling the agen-cy since 1985, accusing it of acting as a political censor by refusing to grant tax-free export status to doc-umentary films that USIA reviewers consider "propaganda." Since film taxes in some countries can be heavy, the USIA's power is tantamont to killing some films, the filmmakers alleged.

The USIA has argued that under an international agreement for the exchange of nducational materials. it must review ony films before they

can qualify for exemption from export duiles. The Center for Constitutional Rights, a New York-based advocacy group that represented several small film producers, said the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals had agreed that legislation Congress passed last October "has effectively invalidated the USIA's

criteria for granting educational certificates to documentary films," brought Fukuyama unexpected attention Most of the rejected films were in the United States, in Europe, even in critical of U.S. government policy, the filmmakers had said. "We trust Chile, where "Fukuyamismo" (the support for liberal institutions in politics and that this decision will lead the USIA to allow U. S. documentary economics) has entered the language. People suddenly expected the onetime Soviet foreign policy specialist to be able to come up with sound hites for any occasion. "I filmmakers free access to international markets, even when their

films do not conform to the admin-

istration's party line," said David Cole, a lawyer with the center.

deal in billions of dollars every day, track of the nickels and dimes you

"It could or could oot work, but we have to do more to deflect the fallout from the scandal. I was thinking of calling for an FBI in-vestigation of the reporters who broke the story. That should take people's minds off what I did. We can also hold the House hank employees in contempt of Congress for revealing how the House does its hanking.

What good will that do?" "If we hold them in contempt, then maybe the voters won't hold us in contempt."

"Our mail suggests that the electorate wants an explanation. Suppose we convince the voters that bouncing checks is an American tradition like telling people 'The check is in the mail.' You can say that without rubber checks the economy would go into a recession and the country would face fire, pestilence and drought. Bum checks are what keep the wheels of progress turning and create pros-penty for the middle class. Pose this question to the crowd, 'Do you think that Ahraham Lincoln would ever have been president if he hadn't bounced checks?""

"Did Lincoln bounce checks?" "Of course. He couldn't have dressed as well as he did in Illinois without an overdraft." "Well, let's call it a night and

sleep on it." "Sir. I hate to raise the subject. hut I haven't been paid in three

"I'm sorry to hear that. Here, t'll write you a check."

"Meaning no disrespect, sir, but

could I have your wristwatch in-

By Judith Weinraub Wasnington Post Service WASHINGTON - Picture Plato at the Athenian Academy. Imagine Immanuel Kant bent over his desk in Königs-berg. Or Hegel and Nietzsche inspiring students in drafty German universities. Marx fending off poverty in London. Not too comfy, nght? Ascetic. Definite-

cold in winter. Now picture Francis Fukuyama --- political scientist and spiritual son of these philosophers -at the Rand Corp., where in 1988 he began the thinking for his most recent work, "The End of History and the Last Man." Picture Santa Monica, California, where the think tank's headquarters are comfortably installed across from the town pier. Secretaries returning from lunch in bathing suits. Researchers on roller blades.

Fukuyama has thought a lot about Santa Monica and the contrast between the cople at Rand who ponder grave issues like nuclear war and the volleyball players on the beach. He points out that this seaside community is perfectly in keeping with the thrust of his argument: With its unashamed delight in recreation, with its disregard for Big Issues, Santa Monica is the natural habitat for the post-historical man, the last man, the guy who is still around at the end of history. The last man? The end of history? It

turns out the words are not meant literally. It's a mistake many people made when he first put forth his ideas in "The End of History?" in the National Interest (sum-mer 1989), Fukuyama says. "It was a fundamental misunderstanding," he says. "A lot of people saw the utle and were shocked. They assumed it meant the end of war, the end of events."

Now more carefully thought out and argued in his new book, which think-tank types had been eagerly awaiting since then d which has been on The Washington Post's best-seller list eight weeks), this is

and would be judged in the context of current history. So there he was, a working philosopher in the midst of a period of historical change with some institutions what Fukuyama meant History with a capital H presumes some larger goal, and when that goal is reached, crumhling (communism, the Berlin Wall). ustorical process comes to a close. and others (Islam) gaining strength. Then came the Gulf War, II could be With the increasing dominance of liberal democracy as the ideal way for a state or country to be governed, that larger goal has been met. So fascism, totalitarianism interpreted in many ways, but not as a push-pull over the merits of liberal democand communism are no longer viable poracy. If History is over, said loss of folks. why is there all this conflict? Were events litical options tand the good guys have contradicting Fukuyama's thesis? won). Therefore, at least in certain parts of the globe, the end of History is virtually Back at Rand this time the Washington upon us. And its inhahitants - the last

office, where he works now), Fukuyama was besieged for comment. The former State Department official refused to be men, a phrase first used hy Nietzsche will have to figure out what to do to give meaning to their lives (like becoming the interviewed until he finished his book. best roller-hlader on the Venice beach). Of course, the war could seem like a All interesting notions -- concepts that

contradiction to his thesis, especially if you misunderstood it. And as a historian. it was natural for Fukuyama to take the

long view. "In a funny way I managed to insulate myself from that, because I had tried to pull my argument out of the everyday." says Fukuyama now. "So I knew it shouldn't make a difference. I thought. was a little hit incredulous that a 16-page article — which is like a 5 percent down well, just wait, and ultimately this kind of war will not define our future. And I told

payment on a real article — could produce that," he says, "It wasn't at all prepared for myself my book wouldn't come out for another year, and I didn't know what the world would look like then. "But as a the international prominence." Along with all the attention came ancitizen, I was worried." other problem: Fukuyama's ideas could

Author Francis Fukuyama thinks about history with a capital H.

Then came the unsuccessful August coup in the Soviet Union,

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That caused me some real anxiety," he recalls. "If all the democratic processes [of perestroika] were traded in, that would have had a serious effect on my argument. I would have been extremely disappointed and sad. And I would have had to question some of my underlying assumptions."

Fukuyama recalls one particularly anxious moment during the coup. He was driving to work and tried to calm himself hy thinking, "It's not going to work in the long term." He was surprised, and relieved, when it took only two days for the coup to collapse.

"It's always been a dicey sort of thing whether the democratization of formerly communist totalitarian systems in Eastern Europe would work itself out," he says, 'And I'm not expecting a straight march to democracy. The thing zigs and zags." Fukuyama is the first to acknowledge that there are still plenty of real-life prob-lems out there. Like the nuclear threat, which be notes is not to be underplayed, Or Islam, which he estimates rules the lives of about a hillion people. But philosophy is about ideas. "And on the level of ideas. Islam is not a challenge in the same way

"In another hundred years the idea of liberal democracy will make more headway in the Islamic world than Islam will in the democratic world. It does not have a kind of universal appeal, while both democracy and cultural freedom are tremendously appealing to Islamic societies."

Likewise, he characterizes the fierce Is-lamic response to Salman Rushdie as "an antibody to a dangerous virus. . . . He challenged their authority, and they had to respond forcefully."

Fukuyama pins much of his argument on the Greek concept of thymos, or as he develops it, the struggle for recognition. In its simplest form, it is self-respect, dignity. In its extreme forms, "the tyrannical ambition of a Caesar or a Stalin."

"Look at what motivates them," says Fukuyama. "The pride that comes out of creating something new and the recogni-tion that accompanies it." Even Michael Jackson and Madonna -- "They are each insanely rich, so money is not the object of their activity," he says. "It's recognition." Fukuyama's focus on the struggle for recognition has been pointed to by many eviewers as his particular contribution. It offers a plausible way to explain the be-havior both of individuals and of countries. But the struggle presents different challenges at the End of History - when the competition between political systems appears over. If there is nothing worth struggling for, nothing worth risking one-self for, what does that mean for life as it is lived?

Fukuyama, who is concerned about the everyday implications of his ideas, is opti-mistic. "Remember," he says. "Society doesn't have to end. There should be avenues in which people can struggle and be satisfied with their recognition."

By that measure, be is particularly hard on himself. He knows that according to the context he lives in, he has struggled hut worries that he has been rewarded by a decent job and fame and has paid no personal cost. He thinks of himself as hopelessly bourgeois, with many "last man" characteristics - like being "a really great consumer,"

"It's hard not to measure my own life," he says. "To what extent am I a pawn of my consumerist desires? How much struggle and risk am I willing to take for its own sake? Am I willing to commit myself to a cause? That's a question I think about a lot, ..., Being the last man doesn't make you proud of yourself."

But be reassured. He doesn't think we're definitely there yet --- although in the United States and Europe and Japan, he

says we're getting close. And he is still struggling. He is still uncomfortable taking all the credit for his ideas. "Nothing I am saying is not present in Hegel," he says. "It's just in this country that it is new and interesting." And he is not even ready to accept his thesis as absolute fact. That is up to history. "There is a question mark at the end of

the title," he says. "I hope there is still a question mark hanging over these issues."

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The End of History? Well, Not Quite

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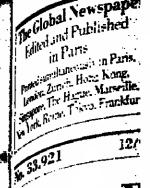
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preparing to separate legally after five years of marriage. The Daily Mail said Sir Matthew Farrer, the queen's private attorney, and a team of lawyers Sunday discussed the complicated legal issues of separation with the royal couple at their home Sunday. The 32-year-old duchess, formerly Sarah Ferguson, would have custody of the two children, 3-year-old Princess Be-atrice and Princess Eugenie, who will be 2 on Monday, said the newspaper. Prince Andrew, 32, a serving naval officer, would have full rights of access. Also discussed were an allowance for the duchess and her royal title. Their separation will be.

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